



Fr. Philip Blaine OFM Conv.

August 1, 1932 - February 5, 2019

+ Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv. was born on Staten Island, NY on August 1, 1932 and passed away on February 5, 2019. He was the son of the late John and Sophie (née Antisavage) Blaine. In addition to his Franciscan family, he leaves his niece Sharon Gibbons, and nephews Steven and Robert Blaine.

Fr. Philip served in the U.S. Navy as an electric technician from 1950 to 1953 and later worked for IBM prior to joining the Order. Fr. Phil entered the Franciscan Friars Conventual Novitiate on August 11, 1956. He professed his Temporary Vows on August 12, 1957 and his Solemn Vows on October 11, 1960. After completing his philosophical studies in Rensselaer, NY, Father Philip volunteered to go to the mission of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to finish his theological training. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Albany, NY, on November 8, 1963. For 12 years Fr. Phil worked as a missionary in Brazil in a variety of ministries.

Upon his election in 1972 as Assistant General of the Order and Secretary General of the Missions he was transferred to the Curia in Rome, Italy. While there he received an S.T.L. from the Pontifical Franciscan Athenaeum in Rome in 1978, and an S.T.D. in Spirituality from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1982. Fr. Phil returned to the U.S. that year and served as a professor of spiritual theology and Academic Dean at St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Rensselaer, NY until 1985.

From 1985 to 1991 Fr Philip was stationed at St. Francis Friary, Staten Island , while teaching in the Spiritual Development Program of the New York Archdiocese. Called back to Rome in 1991 to 1997 he served as professor of Spiritual Theology at the Order's Pontifical Faculty of St. Bonaventure. Fr. Philip returned to his beloved St. Francis Friary of Staten Island in 1997 where he became the Director of the St. Francis Center for Spirituality until 2014. In 2014 he was assigned for a short time to St. Peter Friary, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ until his health declined and he was transferred to Our Lady of the Angels Care Center, in Enfield, CT where he met Sister Death on February 5, 2019.

Visitation will take place at Our Lady of the Angels Care Center Chapel, Enfield, CT, February 7, from 6 to 7 PM. A Franciscan Wake Service will be held at 7 PM. On Saturday, February 9, 2019 a Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 in Holy Family Church, 366 Watchague Rd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Interment will be in St. Peter Cemetery, 52 Tyler Ave, Staten Island, NY, 10310 in the Blaine family plot. Memorial Donations may be made to the Franciscan Education Burse, 12300 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Funeral arrangements are by Kozikowski Funeral Home, Chicopee, MA, and Matthew Funeral Home on Staten Island.

Date of Birth: August 1, 1932

Simple Profession: August 12, 1957

Solemn Profession: October 11, 1960

Ordained: November 8, 1963

Entered into Eternal Life: February 5, 2019

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
1315 Enfield St.
Enfield, CT