



## Fr. Vincent Lachendro OFM Conv.

May 26, 1936 - March 27, 2021

Fr. Vincent Lachendro, OFM Conv., passed away peacefully on March 27, 2021 at Our Lady of the Angels Care Center in Enfield. Born in Salem, MA on May 20, 1936, son of the late Frank and Emily (Sobocinski) Lachendro, besides his Franciscan family, he leaves his brother Conrad Lachendro and wife Dolores, his sister Lucine Cusack, and brother Julian Lachendro. Friar Vincent entered the Franciscan Friars Conventual Novitiate in Ellicott City, MD in 1954, professed Temporary Vows on August 15, 1955, and professed his Solemn Vows on August 15, 1958. He was Ordained to the Priesthood on May 25, 1963 in Albany, NY. Besides attending St. Anthony-on-Hudson in Rensselaer, NY, receiving an M.Th. in 1963, in 1968 he also received an M.S. Ed. in Chemistry from the State University of New York. After his ordination, Fr. Vincent's first three years of ministry was at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda, NY. Having always the desire to be a missionary friar, from 1967 to 1969 he attended language school in Tokyo, Japan. Fr. Vincent became the Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Naze, Amami Oshima, Japan in 1969 where he served for two years. Becoming the Pastor of Sedome District on Amami Oshima in 1971, he served there until 1976. In 1976 Fr. Vincent became the Pastor of St. Mary Church, Naze, Amami Oshima where he served for six years. Assuming the role of Prefect of the Minor Seminary in Nagasaki, Japan in 1982, he became the Rector in 1985 and worked there until 1988. From 1988 to 1991, Fr. Vincent was the Pastor of the Parish Church and the Director of the St. Maximilian Spiritual Center in

Nagasaki, Japan. Fr. Vincent's career as a missionary took a different turn in 1991 when he became the Rector, Prefect of Studies, and Director of Formation at St. Maximilian Major Seminary, Manila, Philippines. Three years later he became the Director of the Immaculata Retreat Center in Novaliches, Manila, where he worked until 2004. Fr. Vincent returned to Japan in 2004, became the Pastor of Asato Catholic Church, in Naha, Okinawa, and Chancellor of the Diocese. He continued his ministry in the Diocese of Naha until his return to the United States in 2014. After experiencing some medical issues and with his health declining, he was then assigned to Our Lady of the Angels Care Center. Fr. Vincent will lie in state on Tuesday from 3-3:45PM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 56 St. Anthony St., Chicopee, followed by his Mass of Christian Burial at 4PM. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Salem, MA on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 11AM. Memorial Donations may be made to the Franciscan Education Burse, 12300 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

North St.  
Salem, MA 01970

# Previous Events

## Lie in State

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

St. Anthony of Padua Church  
St. Anthony St.  
Chicopee, MA

## Mass

MAR 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony of Padua Church  
St. Anthony St.  
Chicopee, MA

## Burial

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
North St.  
Salem, MA 01970



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My very first memory of Fr. Vincent is riding my bicycle to the end of Buxton Lane where he was sitting on the front porch with his brothers. Everyone was so kind to this seven year old who was showing off the new striped jersey she had just received for her birthday. Over the years he stopped in to see my mother and family many times when he was home from the missions. It was always such a privilege and a pleasure to receive a visit from Father Vincent. We know that heaven has another saint! My sincerest sympathy to Conrad, Lucine and Julian.*

*Mary Jane Pabisz*

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**Mary Jane Pabisz** - July 04, 2021 at 05:31 PM