

JOHN KELLY Obituary - Pittsburgh, PA

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Fr. JOHN W., C.Ss.R.

Father Kelly entered the Redemptorist order at the age of 14. He was ordained a priest on June 17, 1951. Beginning with his assignment to the missions in Puerto Rico, he ministered among the Spanish speaking Christians. He was assigned to St. Mary Seminary in North East, Pennsylvania to work with the Hispanic students. Later he became the Director of Migrant Ministry in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia and served as Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seaford, Maryland, St. Christopher Church, Kent Island, Maryland. He was assigned as Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Bronx, New York, St. Boniface, Philadelphia and St. Philomena, Pittsburgh. In addition to his parochial ministry, Father Kelly conducted many missions. For many years, beginning with Father Crowley's pastorate, Father John Kelly has assisted with Mass at Holy Angels Parish. Following the closure of St. Philomena Parish in Squirrel Hill, Father Kelly remained in Pittsburgh at the family home with his sisters, Regina, Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Elizabeth, and Sr. Ursula. In addition to his sister, Regina, Father Kelly was predeceased by his two brothers, Martin and Gerard. Friends will be received on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, and Wednesday, May 31, 2017, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC., 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street (freyvogelfuneralhome.com). Funeral Thursday, June 1, 2017, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for Mass Cards or to benefit Migrant Ministry. A heartfelt thank you to the caregivers and medical staff at the Vincentian Home for their loving care.

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