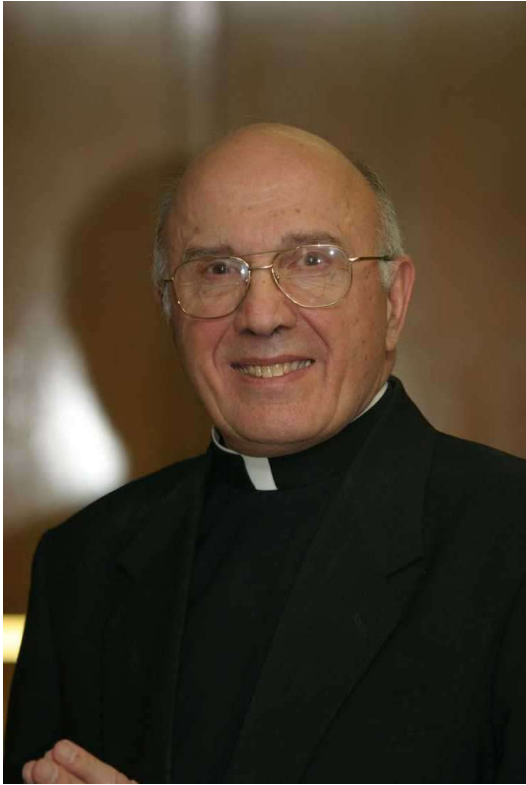


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Father Anthony Russo died during the night in the early am on March 31, 2020 while in hospice care at Stella Maris, Timonium, Maryland. All who knew and loved Fr. Russo mourn his passing and also rejoice in his heavenly homecoming. He served and loved us with all his heart, just as he served his Lord, Jesus and loved God with all his heart. We are so grateful for his many years of service to the Deaf Catholic Community.

Funeral Arrangements: Due to the Corona Virus, arrangements for the Funeral Mass will not be announced until after the quarantine. The Mass, Visitation and burial will be in Philadelphia.

Condolences, Mass cards or Memorial Donations can be sent to the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or the Redemptorist Community.

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Fr. Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R. - Died March 31, 2020. He was born in Passaic, NJ on November 1, 1933; The son of Fausto Russo and Yolanda Russo (De Capite) both deceased. He had one sister, Janet who is also deceased. He was baptized at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church on December 10, 1933. He attended Clifton Public School #8, Clifton High School, Virginia Military Institute where he received a degree in Civil Engineering. He attended St. Mary's, North East for Philosophy, 58-59. His profession was at Ilchester on August 2, 1960. He attended Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, NY 1960-1966. His ordination was on June 20, 1965. After Second Novitiate at Annapolis he was assigned to St. Boniface, Philadelphia until it closed. When St. Boniface closed, he moved to Visitation Parish and continued his work with the Deaf Community. He ministered as the Coordinator of the Deaf Apostolate, Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1967- 2012 when he retired. At that time he continued to serve as a senior priest, saying Mass in ASL and giving spiritual direction.

Fr. Anthoy Russo wrote three books: *Made by Hand, A C atechesis for the Deaf, Topic: Creation; The God of the Deaf Adolescent: An inside view; and In Silent Prayer A History of Ministry with the Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*

May he rest in the peace of the Savior.

New book published by Father Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R.



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Announcing the publication of a new book, *In Silent Prayer A History of Ministry with the Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia*, by Father Anthony Russo,

C.Ss.R., who has devoted himself to the deaf community for over forty years. *In Silent Prayer* traces the history of this special ministry in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through insightful text, as well as historical documents and photographs, Father Russo not only tells the story of the great men and women who have provided this important service, but also looks forward to the coming years and considers how this service can be further shaped and improved. Specific examples of how to establish an effective ministry are included along with a discussion of the ideas and attitudes necessary to effect change and progress in ministry today.

Father Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R., grew up in Clifton, New Jersey, and has experienced some degree of hearing difficulty throughout his life. In 1955, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, along with a commission in the US Army. Ordained by Cardinal Spellman of New York in 1965, Father Russo was sent in 1967 to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he has dedicated his life to working with and for the deaf.

To see photos from the Mass at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, Philadelphia, PA, celebrating Fr. Russo's forty years of ministry in the deaf apostolate, [click here](#).