



Fr. Gregory Paul C.P

December 30, 2021

Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., died peacefully on December 30, 2021, at McLean Health Center in Simsbury, Connecticut. Born Anthony R. Paul in Norwood, Massachusetts, on March 28, 1928, he was the son of the late James Paul and Jessie Guarino Paul. He entered the Passionist Community and made his profession as a Passionist on July 17, 1951, taking the name and title: Gregory of the Seven Dolors. He was ordained a priest in Union City, New Jersey, on April 25, 1958, and began what would be the first of many assignments at Passionist parishes throughout the Province. His first assignment was at St. Gabriel's Parish in Toronto, Canada. Then came assignments as assistant pastor at St. Ann's Parish in Scranton, Pennsylvania, St. Mary's Parish in Dunkirk, New York, St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Atlanta, Georgia, then pastor for eight years at St. Joseph Parish in Baltimore, Maryland. Fr. Gregory was next assigned to the Spanish apostolate at St. Michael's Parish in Union City, New Jersey. After six years in Union City, Fr. Gregory returned to Baltimore for another ten years as pastor and became involved with ministry to the blind. For many years he attended the annual convention of the American Foundation for the Blind. Wherever he served, Fr. Gregory was known for his caring, compassionate manner, hope-filled wisdom, and generous sharing of his time and talents.

In 2002, when his brother, Fr. Alexis Paul, also a Passionist, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer, Fr. Gregory came to West Hartford, Connecticut, to care for him. Nine months later Fr. Alexis died, and after his death Fr.

Gregory began to assist with the ministry of retreats at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. While on the retreat team, Fr. Gregory was part of the Pastoral Care Team at UConn/John Dempsey Hospital. He often responded to emergencies day and night and never complained about being awakened in the middle of the night. He took it all in stride. Fr. Gregory had a fine rapport with the doctors, nurses and patients at UConn and was a wonderful, caring emissary for Holy Family, welcoming many retreatants with cordial hospitality at the Retreat Center each week. He also assisted with masses for several years at St. Mary Home in West Hartford and at local parishes when needed. He was happy to help whenever he was called upon and did everything with a warm smile and a cheery sense of humor. He made a point of calling everyone by name – though not always the correct name! He will be missed by his Passionist brothers, especially Fr. Terry Kristofak, his primary caregiver, and all those who knew him as a gentle soul and a fine priest of God.

Fr. Gregory is survived by his sister, Rita Higgins, her son, Edward Higgins, his wife Kathy and their daughter, Jennifer and her husband, Jeff Malone, and their two children, Alexander and Samantha. Fr. Gregory is also survived by his twin brother, Frank Paul and his wife Maeve, their children, Julie and her husband, Gregory Pinto, and their three children Josh, David and Charlotte, Gregory, his wife, Leila Joseffer, and their two children, Charlie and Margaret, and Stephen, his wife Rebecca Peterson, and their two children, Grace and Jack.

The funeral will take place at Holy Family Passionist Monastery on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM, with calling hours beforehand at the Monastery from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM. Masks will be worn throughout the wake and services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fr. Gregory's memory to Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford CT 06107. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Family Cemetery

303 Tunxis Rd.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Holy Family Monastery Chapel
303 Tunxis
West Hartford, CT

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ *My family and I came to know Father Gregory when he was assistant pastor at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Atlanta, Georgia.*

I was a very young child then, but still brightly remember the friendliness and pastoral care that he showed us. He'd visited our home to offer blessings. After he'd relocated at another Parish, my Dad kept in contact with him. As a young adult and student attending University in Washington DC, but living in Maryland, my father encouraged me to reach out to Father Gregory. I did, and was happy to have met with him. He was still the same compassionate and cheerful Father I'd known as a child. My condolences are extended to his family and all who cared for him. Lynne Douglas

Lynne Douglas - January 04, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to the Passionist Community on the death of the beloved Father Gregory Paul.

Having served on the Holy Family Retreat Team for six years I had ample time to experience the warmth and hospitality of Father Gregory Paul. Father Gregory was a cheerful person always filled with a spirit of good humor. He was dedicated to his ministry and served in a humble way, never seeking the limelight or center stage. In this quiet capacity he was an inspiration to many enriching the spiritual life of countless individuals.

A special word of thanks to Father Terence Kristofak and Father David Cinquegrani who bestowed much love and care on Father Gregory through the years.

I will be tuning in to the Mass of Christ's Burial tomorrow praying for the repose of Father Gregory's noble soul. Requiescat In Pace!

*Sincerely,
Dr. Joan M. Kelly
Westport, Connecticut*

Dr. Joan M. Kelly - January 03, 2022 at 04:59 PM

BF

“ *It was a privilege to know Fr. Gregory. I would see him during an annual retreat at Holy Family, and as part of the Christmas and Easter choir there. It's amazing and inspiring to read of the ministries and service this good priest and gentle soul rendered just since coming to Holy Family.*

With my prayers for his soul and his family --

Brian Freeman - January 03, 2022 at 12:19 AM

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“ *Very sorry to hear about Fr. Gregory’s passing. Through the years on Retreat at Holy Family, he was always a joy to speak with during the weekends. We also sang together at the Christmas and Easter concerts. I will miss very much. Steve Solimene*

Steve Solimene - January 02, 2022 at 08:47 AM



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Molloy Funeral Home - December 30, 2021 at 03:38 PM