



John Patrick Cook

December 7, 1921 - June 30, 2008

COOK. Rev. John Patrick

Rev. John Patrick Cook, 86, a parish priest and pastor for over 60 years in Connecticut, died Monday, June 30, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Racine, WI, son of the late William O. and Mary Sullivan Cook, he graduated from William Hall High School in 1938, graduated from St. Thomas Seminary Class of 1940, and received his Degree in Philosophy from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in 1942 and his Theology Degree in 1945. He was ordained Dec. 22, 1945, by The Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, D.D. He began his appointments at Mt. St. Joseph Academy in West Hartford. He graduated from Catholic University receiving his J.C.D. in June of 1949, was appointed a Notary of Matrimonial Tribunal, and the Defender of the Bond of Administrative Cases. He was an assistant pastor at St. Brendan's in New Haven, St Francis Xavier in Waterbury and St. Joseph in Bristol. He was Pastor of St. Martin de Porres in New Haven and was coordinator of continuing Education for Clergy. In 1979 he was a Chaplain at Meriden-Wallingford Hospitals. In 1981 he was Pastor at St. Francis Parish in Naugatuck, and in 1991 was Pastor Emeritus at St. Rose Parish in New Haven. He served as an administrator at St. Rose and St. Brendan's Church in New Haven and St. Bernard's Church in Enfield. He retired on Dec. 1, 1996. He is survived by his sister, Sr. Mary Joan Cook of West Hartford; his brother-in-law George Hammond of Toledo, OH; many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and great grand nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be

TODAY from 4-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. The Most Reverend Henry J.Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford, will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial with his fellow priests on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Online messages of remembrance may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com He followed in the way of the Lord and by his example inspired others to follow him in that way.

Tribute Wall



“ I remember father cook for alot of things he was the one that gave me 1st communion he's the one that i had to share my confessions with and he was so easy to talk to such a tender heart. He was also the person that baptized my nephew. he was a great man and will be forever missed.##imported-begin##Lynn##imported-end##

July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We remember Father Cook fondly as pastor of St. Martin dePorres Church in New Haven. He was always a very kind and loving person and was sorely missed when he left.##imported-begin##Wilbur and Shirley Morgan##imported-end##

July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We loved him very much; he will truly be missed by all of us. He will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
Bob, Shirley and Kathy Etor##imported-begin##The Etor
Family##imported-end##

July 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember all the kindness Father Cook showed to all of our family. My sister Gloria Cavallaro attended school at St. Brendan's. My Aunt Rose Gagliardi/Bonito sang in the chior. He was there to help them and all of us in the family when my Dad was out of work. Father Cook and our Pastor Father McLoughlin were so kind to my family. I remember Father Cook's wonderful smile...I wish I could send you the pictures of our First Communion class with him. He was missed by my Mom when he went to St. Martins de Pores...God Bless you...we still miss you...my Mom must be chatting with him up in heaven as I write.##imported-begin##Mary T. Del Buono##imported-end##

July 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Father Cook very fondly as Pastor of Saint Francis Parish in Naugatuck, Connecticut.

He was a caring Pastor and a gentle soul. Father Cook was a good shepard to all he served at Saint Francis. Rest in peace, Father Cook, a dear and faithful servant.

Joseph Gallucci

Phoenix, Arizona##imported-begin##Joseph Gallucci##imported-end##

July 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful priest he was! He was so kind, so bright, so very nice to us as young kids at St. Francis Xavier in Waterbury, many years ago.

Rest in Peace, Fr. Cook.##imported-begin##Frank Greaney##imported-end##

July 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Denise and I remember Fr.Cooks leadership while growing up in St.Martin De Porres Church. Fr.Cook was a very caring person and that was relected in his thoughtful homilies. We will always remember his many acts of kindness while at St.Martin's.*

Denise & Rudy Williams

St.Martin De Porres Church##imported-begin##Denise & Rudy Williams##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

2Timothy 1:12.

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow. Jesus says lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on. We can commit into His care that which we have no control over and know that He will be a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Isn't it sweet just to know someday will meet in the sweet bye and bye, we'll be together. The words of the gospel song encourages us to commit with hope filled hearts for our times are in God's hand. Death is not a journey but a door that leads to life everlasting. And one day we'll all meet on the other side of the door.

God in His infinite mercy has called him into a new and larger life. Knowing that our loved one is safe in the arms of our Maker brings joy and consolation to our souls. Therefore, we commend you to Him who is able and willing to sustain you at this time and always. Fr. Cook was a blessing to the patients and staff at CT Hospice. He was a caring Giant.

Rev. Charles H. Woody, Corporate Chaplain
Charles H. Woody

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“ *Message of Remembrance*

I remember Father Cook with affection and admiration. He was a new priest and assistant pastor at St. Brendan's in New Haven when I was a boy.

Later, he was pastor of St. Martin de Porres, also in New Haven, when I was in public life State Senator, U.S. Congressman. I admired his commitment to Christian ideals and his work with parishioners, especially at St. Martin's.##imported-begin##Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis##imported-end##

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