



Rev. Cal Gengras

August 20, 2006

Rev. Joseph "Cal" Gengras, 83, a former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield and former Director of the Office of the Handicapped for the Archdiocese of Hartford, died Sunday August 20, 2006 in West Hartford. Born in Hartford, the son of the late Aledore J. and Florida DePathy Gengras, he was a graduate of St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. He was ordained May 26, 1949 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph by the Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien. Fr. Cal served the Archdiocese at St. Maurice Church, New Britain, Blessed Sacrament, Hamden, St. John the Evangelist, New Britain, the Hartford-Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Office, Chaplain at St. Agnes Home, director of Office of the Handicapped, administrator of Christ the King Church, Bloomfield and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield until his retirement in 1998. While Fr. Cal's ministry tied him to family and friends and the people of Connecticut, he loved spending time at this home on Cape Cod. He is survived by his cousins their spouses and families; Betty Ann Ambrosi, Judy McDonough, Merrily Moynihan, E. Clayton Gengras, Jr., Guy, John, Richard, Mark, Robert, and Joel Gengras, Joan Gorman, Alfred, Christopher, and Geoffrey Gengras. As the family says goodbye to God's good and faithful servant, we would like to thank Fr. Cal's brother priests for their friendship, kindnesses and support. Funeral services will begin Thursday August 24th with visitation from 3-7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church 26 Wintonbury Ave. Bloomfield, followed by a Parish Mass at 7:00 p.m. and a reception in Fr. Pricher Hall. Archbishop Henry

Mansell will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield. Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Fr. Cal's family has requested that flowers not be sent, but if desired, donations in his memory be made to The Gengras Center, St. Joseph College 1678 Asylum Ave. West Hartford, CT 06119.

Tribute Wall



“ As the president of the Nauset Heights Association I would like to extend condolences to the friends and family of Reverend Gengras. The Cape was a special place for him, and he will be missed in our community.##imported-begin##Barbara Wigren##imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Fr. Cal, as a very Christlike gentle man will be missed greatly. Coming to know him as I did, will always be a Blessed memory for me.##imported-begin##bob majewski##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Father Gengras, I still remember the day that I told you that I was going to become a Catholic through the RCIA program and you made the motion as if you were reeling in another fish. Your gently spirit made my decision to become a Catholic so easy. I will miss you.##imported-begin##Dorothea Elizabeth##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Father Gengras was a gentle and kind priest. In 1951 after some profound counseling he married us and he attended our renewal of vows on our 50th anniversary. May He Rest in Peace and in the hands of the Lord.##imported-begin##Michael & Peggie Bergantino##imported-end##

August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Father Cal is the reason Sacred Heart is a faith COMMUNITY. Through many difficult times he kept us together and made us better for it. I we lost a great Shepherd and friend. He will be missed. I am a better person for having known him.##imported-begin##Paul Lichtenberger##imported-end##*

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“ *Father Cal will be deeply missed by those fortunate enough to know him. His kind smile will be greatly missed by all.##imported-begin##juliette gardner##imported-end##*

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“ *I always enjoyed Fr Cal's homilies when he came to St Bridget's to say mass. With sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow priests.##imported-begin##Debby Raina##imported-end##*

August 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our family's lives have been greatly touched over the years by Father Cal. Weddings, first reconciliation and the sacraments have all been intertwined with his presence. An inspirational spiritual guide to us as well as a kindly fatherly friend, our world feels a little emptier without him. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Linda and Chet Adamczyk and family##imported-end##*

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“ I met you 34 years ago Father, and it was a memorable meeting. The Alleluia Players came out of your imagination and into reality. I am honored to have shared all of those years with the Players and you. You gave such a beautiful gift to all of our kids. That's what we called them-kids-even Arnie! You will be deeply missed by those who loved you- I know because I am one who loved you and will miss you.

Betsy Kromidas##imported-begin##Betsy Kromidas##imported-end##

August 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM