

## +Father James Daniel McGuire, OAR- Official Death Notice

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September 27, 2017

To all Religious of the Order

Dear Brothers,

It is my duty to officially notify you that **FATHER JAMES DANIEL MCGUIRE, OAR**, died at Rio Hondo Convalescent Hospital in Montebello, California. on September 8, 2017, as a result of a heart attack. He was 88 years old.

Father James was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 20, 1929. On August 31, 1946, he entered the Novitiate at Saint Augustine Monastery in Kansas City, Kansas, and on September 1, 1947, made his simple profession there. He completed his philosophical studies at the same monastery in Kansas City, where he also made his solemn profession on September 1, 1950. He completed his theological studies at Tagaste Monastery, Suffern, New York, and on September 13, 1953, he was ordained a deacon there. On May 29, 1954, he was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Parish, Suffern, New York, by Most Reverend James H. Griffiths.

After his ordination to the priesthood, he was sent for post-graduate studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., where he obtained his doctorate in Canon Law (1954-1957). From 1957-1959, he was made prefect of discipline at Tagaste Monastery, Suffern, New York. In 1960, he was appointed provincial secretary until 1966. From 1966- 1968, he was named principal of Stamford Catholic High School in Connecticut. Then, he was appointed provincial procurator (1969-1972), while at the same time, serving as prior of Stamford Catholic High School in Connecticut (1966-1972). In July of 1972, he was elected Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Augustine, a position he held until November of 1974, when he was elected Prior General of the Order of Augustinian Recollects (1974-1980). After serving as Prior General in Rome, Italy, he was made prior/pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Omaha, Nebraska (1981-1986); prior of Saint Augustine Monastery, Kansas City, Kansas (1986-1987); prior/pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish, Santa Ana, California (1987-1994); prior/pastor of Saint Augustine Church, Lamont, California (1994-1995); prior/pastor of Saint Mary Church, Fullerton, California (1995-1996); associate pastor of Cristo Rey Church, Los Angeles, California (1996); associate pastor of San Miguel Church, Los Angeles, California (1996-1998), and associate pastor of Saint Benedict Church, Montebello, California, from 1998

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until his death.

Anyone who knew Fr. McGuire, even as an acquaintance, would concur that he was a man who never minced words. He was a “let your yes mean yes and your no mean no” person through and through.

At the same time, Fr. James stood out for his goodness and kindness. He was always carefully faithful, not only in the observance of his duties as a religious but also in his pastoral responsibilities, most especially in the confessional and among the sick. For each of his nearly nineteen years spent at Saint Benedict Parish, Fr. James visited the sick at Beverly Hospital in Montebello at least twice a week.

Fr. James constantly expressed helpfulness for the good of the Province and of the Order, dedicating many hours in the task of reviewing books, Newsletters, articles, photos, and bulletins. If there were an error cited in anything he read, Fr. James would spot it in a second!

Fr. James began his morning routine, following prayers and Mass, with a challenging crossword puzzle and he didn't stop until it was completed! He also very much enjoyed his nightly ritual of watching “Jeopardy” and “Wheel of Fortune.”

We give thanks to God for the gift He gave us in the life of Fr. James.

Please read this letter in community, record it in the official book of death notices, and comply with the prescriptions of No. 94 of our *Additional Code*. May our union with our deceased brothers testify to the bonds of community.

Fr. John Michael Rafferty, OAR

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Prior Provincial

Fr. Fredric Abiera, OAR

Provincial Secretary

Funeral of Fr. James McGuire, OAR, September 15, 2017.



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