



Rev. John A. Cantore

April 25, 1934 - August 19, 2014

Rev. John A. Cantore, 80, of Perryville died August 19, 2014 at St. Marys of the Barrens in Perryville, MO.

He was born April 25, 1934 in Melrose Place, IL, son of Anthony Joseph and Marie Ann (Steger) Cantore.

Fr. John entered the internal seminary on September 14, 1956 and took vows September 15, 1961 at St. Marys of the Barrens, Perryville, MO. He completed philosophy and theology at St. Mary's of the Barrens and was ordained a priest at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Chicago on August 15, 1963.

After ordination he continued his studies in math and began teaching high school at St. John's Seminary from 1963 to 1970, St. Louis Prep Seminary from 1971 to 1973, and St. Vincent de Paul High School Seminary from 1973 to 1987. From 1987 to 1991 he was in parish ministry in Palos Heights, IL and Chaffee, MO. In 1991, Fr. John began chaplaincy work for St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO and continued there until 2006. In August, 2006, he became a confere in care at the Barrens.

In his last years, Fr. John was committed to the Apostle of Prayer Ministry at the Barrens until he felt he could no longer participate satisfactorily. Since the summer of 2011, growing dementia and other health issues have dominated his life. Fr. John is now free of these. May he rest in peace.

Survivors include one sister, Marie Sherlin; one niece, Angela Loveless; and one nephew, Patrick Sherlin, all of Bayview, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 22 at Mary Mother of God Chapel at St. Marys of the Barrens from 5:00 pm until time of wake at 7:30 pm. Visitation will continue on Saturday, August 23 from 9:00 am until time of Mass at 10:00 am. Graveside service will be held Monday, August 25 at 2:00 pm at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL.

Memorials are preferred to Congregation of the Missions

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. John A. Cantore*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

Nancy Schmidt - August 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM