



Fr. P. Callari

September 29, 1936 - September 29, 2004

"Fr. William Callari"

VULCAN - Fr. William P. Callari, 68, Pastor of St. Barbara Parish, Vulcan, died in the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.

Father Callari was born on Aug. 26, 1936, in Escanaba, the son of the late Joseph and Katherine (LaChappel) Callari. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Marquette on April 27, 1979, at St Louis the King Church in Marquette (Harvey), Mich., by Bishop Mark F. Schmitt. He received his seminary studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis., and received a diploma in Religious Education from the Pius XII Religious Education Center in Detroit. Prior to being ordained as a priest, Father Callari served as a religious brother with the Brothers of St. Pius X, at LaCrosse, Wis. Diocesan Institute where he taught high school for 20 years.

Father Callari's priestly assignments include: St. Mary Parish, Norway; St. Mary Mission, Quinnesec, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Houghton; St. Mary Mission, Atlantic Mine; Administrator of St. Anne Parish, Chassell; Holy Family Parish, South Range; Pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish, Houghton; and since 1997, as Pastor of St. Barbara Parish, Vulcan.

In addition to his pastoral assignments, Father Callari served as a member of the Diocesan Board of Education/Formation and held membership in the National Association of Catholic Chaplains as a substance abuse counselor. Father Callari was an avid Detroit Lions fan. He was very devoted to the

Diocese, serving his parishioners faithfully for many years. Please remember him in your prayers.

He is survived by his sister, Joyce (Ken) Limberg of Owensville, Mo. several nieces and nephews, and his dog and special friend, Scooter.

Father Callari was preceded in death by two brothers, Father Joseph Callari and David Callari.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Vulcan and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Monday prior to the funeral mass.

The Most Reverend James H. Garland, Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Callari at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. Barbara Catholic Church.

Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Escanaba.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Barbara's Catholic Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Fr. William P. Callari online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Since my previous post, I googled for "Fr. Bill Callari". Here are a few of the more interesting hits:

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Fr. Bill leaving St. Al's: <http://www.sas.it.mtu.edu/urel/ttopics/textfiles/1997/--June-06-97.html>

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His mother Katherine Callari: <http://www.ironmountaindailynews.com/Archives/obits/march2001/032901obits.html>

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(short & sweet:) "Rev. William Callari born to eternal life": <http://www.shst.edu/News.htm>

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Pasty-dot-com sunset: <http://www.pasty.com/discuss/messages/2392/2926.html>

Doug Kane - October 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We just heard of the passing of Fr. Bill. We are so sorry. We knew Father Bill from our special years at St. Al's in Houghton. Who can forget the beautiful outdoor masses in the fall in Houghton? We were also blessed to have him preside over our wedding service in White Pine on a snowy March day in 1991. Our prayers are with you.

Jane & Brian Labby - October 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Please accept my condolences -- a light has passed from this world. I, too, was a student at Michigan Tech and an active member of St Al's for most of my time there. I will always remember Fr Bill for his love of the students. I will miss him greatly.

Alice Gerhardt - October 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We were so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Dear Fr. Bill, we knew him from his service at Holy Family, St. Albert the Great, and St. Ignatius Parishes of South Range and Houghton. He will be in our Prayers and Thoughts always. God Bless You all in this time of Sorrow.

The Michaelson Family - October 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ **** Thank you God, for blessing our lives with "Padre Bill"! ****

I can only scratch the surface in naming some of the ways Father nourished my spiritual life, and that of our whole community. Several of my friends, also writing here, will understand:

During my years up at Michigan Tech, Father was many things to me, including my pastor, my FRIEND, my teacher, (and even my landlord while I was a Chapel Rat at St. Al's :).

Three words: Wednesday night Mass! Father Bill shared the Holy Sacraments with us in such an intimate way.

Then there were Teen Ministry, 'Tech Retreat Ministry, midnights and mornings in the Church in presence of the Eucharist, Cursillo in Christianity, and ON AND ON...

Always, GLORY TO GOD!

Doug Kane - October 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I too would like to send my condolences. Father Bill was the priest while I attended St. Al's -that is the place of SO many wonderful times - I realized the joy of my faith and made so many friends. I remember so many times with Father Bill, whether it was in a Teen Ministry meeting reflecting in prayer on retreat, celebrating Wednesday night Mass, or staying up late building the ice statues. Father Bill is truly unforgettable. He will truly be missed.

Helen (Hamlin) Mantooth - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Joyce and Ken;
So sorry to hear about the sudden passing of Fr. Bill. I so enjoyed his sense of humor and will miss that twinkle in his eyes. I did correspond with him after his jubilee and he wrote such a touching note back. I looked forward to communication with him again at Christmas.
Sorry to have to communicate with you in this manner. I did hope to make it up to the wake this afternoon but had a legal issue come up today and thus I am at the office writing this now from there. I do not have your home address.
Just know that "all of our family" is in my thoughts and prayers. While the clan is bigger on the "otherside" I know that they are all together and enjoying the love of God, that they so richly deserve.

Connie Osier - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved one.

I am the son of, Clement J. Calliari & Arlene. Father Bill made a trip to Milwaukee to assist in the church services for my father's funeral in February of 2000. During our visits to Vulcan and Norway we had the pleasure of attending Fr. Bill's church services. We also enjoyed spending personal time with him.

My God bless you and your family and give you strength during this difficult time.

Michael & Bonnie Calliari - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My condolences upon your loss.

Father Bill was my pastor and friend during the most formative years of my life, the time I spent at St. Albert the Great. He developed and nurtured a sense of community that bonds me to the parishoners of that parish still today. He was there to guide me through RCIA and help me prepare for marriage to my wife. His influence upon me, my wife and our family is Holy. I will miss him.

Chris Jarman - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Father Bill will be missed by many. He was truly a person who made this world a much better place to live.*

David Danis - October 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *I knew Father Bill for many years. He was at St. Mary's in the Sault when I first met him. Fr. Bill will be remembered for his wit and above all, his great pastoral sense. He succeeded me at Vulcan.*

Rev. Fr. Benedetto J.J.Paris, JCL - October 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM