



Fr. Paul J. Nomellini

May 10, 1937 - December 10, 2020

Reverend Paul Nomellini, 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at his residence in Kingsford.

He was born on May 10, 1937, in Hancock, MI, son of the late Paul and Doris (Ross) Nomellini. He graduated from Hancock High School with the Class of 1955. While attending Suomi College, now Finlandia University, he worked for the J. C. Penney Store in Houghton, MI. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from St. Edward's University, Austin, TX. He received a Master of Science degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, with a Major in guidance and counseling. He had extensive experience in assisting individuals in the treatment of alcoholism. On August 16, 1961, he pronounced his First Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, IN. He served the Church as a Holy Cross Brother, teaching at the high school level in Chicago for 13 years prior to hearing the call to the priesthood. Father Nomellini attended Pope John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA, from 1973 to 1976.

He was ordained to the priesthood on July 1, 1977, by Most Reverend Charles A. Salatka at the Church of the Resurrection, Hancock, MI. After ordination, he was assigned as Assistant Pastor at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette. In 1978, he was assigned as Chaplain to Lake Superior State College, Sault Ste. Marie, and as Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Sault

Ste. Marie. In 1980, he served as Administrator of Nativity Parish, Sault Ste. Marie. In 1981, he was appointed Assistant Pastor, St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mountain, as well as Ordinary Confessor to the Carmelite Community, Iron Mountain. In 1983, he was appointed Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Rudyard, and Holy Family Mission, Barbeau. In 1986, Father Nomellini was appointed Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Marquette. Father Nomellini took a leave of absence in 1988 to teach at St. Edward's School, Cleveland, OH. In 1989, Father Nomellini returned to the diocese and was appointed as Temporary Administrator of St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish, Iron Mountain. Later that year, Father Nomellini was appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Schaffer, St. Michael Parish, Perronville, and St. Joseph Mission, Foster City. Father Nomellini was appointed as Pastor, St. George Parish, Bark River, in 1990. In 1993, he was appointed Pastor, St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Kingsford, as well as Ordinary Confessor to the Carmelite Community, Iron Mountain. He continued to serve at St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Kingsford, until July 1, 2002, when he was granted senior priest status. He served as Chaplain of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Serra Club and was a member of the St. Joseph Association Board after his retirement. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and served as Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, Council 01585, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, MI.

He is survived by his sister, Charlotte Pera; her children, Brian (Jennifer) Pera and their son, Alex Pera, and Julie (Rick) Rickard and their daughter, Alyssa (Tyler) Roose; a brother, Ross (Vickie Salo) Nomellini; his brother-in-law, James Zip Parker and his children, Jason (Andrea Felke) and their daughters, Carolyn, Jillian and Addilynn and Joy (Parker) Laitinen (Eric) and their children, Parker and Ashley Laitinen; as well as many cousins.

Father was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Leno and Doris Marie (Ross) Nomellini; his younger sister, Delores "Lori" (Nomellini) Parker; and brother-in-law, Dennis Pera.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Thursday, May 20, at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. A funeral mass will follow at 11:00 am at the church. The Most Reverend John Doerfler, Bishop of Marquette, will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Priests of the diocese will con-celebrate the Mass. Fr. Paul will be laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery, Houghton, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Father Nomellini's name may be made to the St. Joseph Association (the priests' retirement fund) of the Diocese of Marquette.

Condolences to the family of Reverend Paul Nomellini may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

48048 Macinnes Dr.
Houghton, MI 49931

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ Hi!
I just listened to Father's testimony on MARY TV. Amazing! Please pray for me Father Paul!
Andrea Castrejon, RN

Andrea Castrejon - August 24, 2024 at 08:50 AM

DC

“ We attended mass at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church when we were dating because of Fr Paul. His messages seemed directed to us personally. Fr. Paul prayed for us for many years and we feel very blessed to have him as a friend. On December 01, 2021- shortly before he passed- he witnessed the blessing of our marriage and then joined us for a steak dinner afterward. We are very grateful for his friendship and for his dedication to the local Knights of Columbus chapter, #1585. He affected our lives in many ways. Fr. Paul also baptized Becky Couper. Thank you, Father Paul.

*His friends,
Jeff and Debbie Couper*

Debra Couper - May 19, 2021 at 02:04 PM

FR

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Father Paul's remaining siblings.*

frank - May 17, 2021 at 08:31 AM

BC

“ Our condolences to Paul's family. He touched a lot of young lives at Holy Cross and was a lifelong friend to my family. He always had a good word to share and enjoy playing cards with my Mom Lorraine and my Grandmother Marion. He will be missed.
Bill & Cheri Conoscenti

Bill Conoscenti - January 17, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ My condolences to Father Paul's family. I got to know him when he was the pastor at St. Michael's in Marquette. He was kind and wise, and we appreciated him saying my grandfather's funeral service, even though he was not Catholic. The world was a better place because of his gentle and wise spirit and he will be missed.

Tyler Tichelaar - December 28, 2020 at 06:29 PM

BL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Fr. Paul. I first got to know him as Br. Paul as a member of our Midwest Province many years ago. He was a good friend and I have such fond memories of him. He is now in the company of our Lord and all the saints.

Br. Edward Libbers, csc

Br. Edward Libbers - December 22, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MS

“ We would like to express our sympathy to the Nomellini Family. Two of our children did their First Communion with Father Paul, and all our family have fond memories of him during his time at St Mary Queen of Peace. Sincerely, John and Myrna Schon

Myrna Schon - December 22, 2020 at 10:05 AM

DK

Sorry for your loss. We loved Fr. Paul. We were Eucharistic Ministers at Queen of Peace. Loved him to pieces.

Diana and Jack Kujala - January 05, 2021 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ *Father Paul, Ive often thought of you over the years, you baptized my children Adriane & Derek. My sincerest condolences to the family, you are never forgotten and will live on in our hearts forever. Thank you for your service. 🙏 Maria*

Maria Smith - December 20, 2020 at 12:35 AM

JM

“ *The Holy Trinity High School family sends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Fr. Paul. We were fortunate to benefit from his dedicated service.*

John Malloy - December 19, 2020 at 04:38 PM

FO

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Charlotte and her family.*

Frank Ozanich - December 19, 2020 at 07:42 AM

SE

“ *It has been a gift for me to know Fr. Paul since the '70's. God be good to him and all who he cared for.*

Blessings and prayers, Sister Ellen Enright, IBVM

Sister Ellen Enright - December 18, 2020 at 08:05 PM

PJ

“ I am saddened to hear that Paul has died. My visits with him were so delightful. I experienced him as one with a generous heart and curious mind. I found our conversations refreshing. The impression he leaves with me is this: his seasoned and humanized faith enabled him to both wrestle with God and rest in God. I pray an extra measure of grace to Paul's family as you grieve this loss and celebrate his life.

Philip Johnson - December 18, 2020 at 12:47 PM