

Fr. Daniel C. **MURPHY** 81 TZ USA
* September 5, 1922 Stamford CT

+ July 12, 2004
Hemet CA

Fr. Daniel Charles Murphy passed away on July 12, 2004, from natural causes. He was 81 years old and was a member of the community at Casa Laval in Hemet, CA since 1993. The vigil was held on July 20 and Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated at 10:00 am on July 21, 2004 at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Hemet. Burial followed at the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers Cemetery in Hemet, CA.

Daniel Charles Murphy was born September 5, 1922 in Stamford, CT, the son of Daniel and Katherine (McMorrow) Murphy. He attended Rogers School and Stamford High School in his hometown. He entered Holy Ghost Missionary College at Cornwells Heights in September 1939. In 1945, after completion of his novitiate at Ridgefield, CT, Fr. Dan professed his first vows. In 1947, he completed his BA in Philosophy and in 1951, his BD in Theology at St. Mary, Ferndale. Fr. Murphy was ordained to the priesthood at Ferndale, by Bishop O'Brien, on June 8, 1951. On June 10th, he made his Apostolic Consecration to the Apostolate.

Fr. Murphy's first assignment was for two years at Holy Ghost Church in Opelousas, LA. Except for three years assigned as missionary in the District of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania (1953-1956), almost all of Fr. Murphy's active priestly ministry was spent in service to the African-American people in Louisiana. Father returned from Africa to Holy Ghost in Opelousas in 1956. In August 1960, Fr. Murphy spent one year as associate pastor at St. Mary in Greektown, downtown Detroit. In August 1961, he returned to Louisiana to serve as associate pastor at St. Augustine at Isle Brevelle on the Cane River. In August, 1967, Fr. Dan returned to Holy Ghost in Opelousas followed by a year as pastor of St. Edward in New Iberia and a year as associate pastor at Our Lady of the Valley in Hemet, CA. In 1978, Fr. Murphy returned to Louisiana to serve as associate at Sacred Heart in Lake Charles. Following service as pastor at Holy Ghost in Marksville (1983-1984), Fr. Dan returned to Lake Charles and continued to serve at Sacred Heart Parish until he retired for medical reasons in March of 1988, to Holy Ghost Hall in Houston. In 1991, he was asked to serve as bursar of the community at Holy Ghost Hall. In November of 1993, Fr. Dan was appointed to the retirement community at Casa Laval in Hemet, CA.

Fr. Dan Murphy is remembered by one confrere who lived with him for many years as "a big man with a big heart".

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