

Fr. James Daniel SULLIVAN 75 USA

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+ Aug. 30, 1988 Detroit

A graduate of DU Prep. in 1930 and College in 1934, he made his profession in Ridgefield Sept. 14, 1936. For his theological studies he went to Ferndale, where he was ordained June 15, 1939.

The following year he received his first assignment, to Holy Ghost, Opelousas, LA. He found it difficult to deal with the high school students, whose teacher he had become, and in 1942 obtained his transfer to St. Augustine's, Isle Brevelle, LA., and then to Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, LA.

After a brief stay in 1945 at Holy Ghost, Chippewa Falls, WI, and at St. Monica's, New Orleans, he was an assistant at St. Peter Claver's, Philadelphia, for four years. There he published My Daily Psalm Book, which was well received.

In 1950 he returned to the South as pastor of O.L. of Sorrows, Moreauville, LA, where he worked on a revised commentary on the psalms. In 1955 he served as an assistant at St. Mark's, New York, and then at St. Joseph's, Bay City, MI, where he worked for nine years.

After a transfer to St. Anne's, Millvale, PA, in 1964, he began to minister as pastor of St. Catherine, Little Compton, RI, in 1966. The following year he became an assistant again, first at St. Joachim's, Detroit, and then at St. Mary's in the same city in 1968. Two years later we find him as pastor of Holy Family, Inkster, MI, but illness forced him to resign.

In 1971 he became an assistant at Sacred Heart, Emsworth, PA, and five years later the bishop of Saginaw, MI, could welcome him back to Bay City, MI. He functioned there as an assistant till 1982--the year of his retirement.

He spent his declining years at St. Mary's, Detroit, still rendering limited service. Struck by cancer, he died there following surgery. Interment took place at the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

The long list of his usually brief assignments had its source in the desire for a change that ran through most of his life. He kept looking forward to a place where he could really be at peace with himself. Despite this, he did his work where he happened to be to the best of his ability.

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