

Fr. John Joseph GALLAGHER 71 USA

* April 10, 1917, Philadelphia + May 27, 1988, Cornwells, PA

He attended Cornwells for six years before entering the novitiate at Ridgefield, where he made his vows Aug. 15, 1938. For his senior studies he went to Ferndale, where he was also ordained June 18, 1943.

The following year Fr. Collins appointed him to St. Augustine's, Isle Brevelle, LA, where he served for three years. After another four years at Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, LA., he came back North in 1951 and ministered as an assistant at St. Mary's, Sharpsburg, PA. From there he went to St. Mark's, New York, for one year, and in 1954 for a brief stay to Holy Ghost, Opelousas, LA.

These quick changes were followed by an appointment to Cornwells that lasted for the thirty-three remaining years of his life. He really came into his own there, for he loved teaching and, most of all, teaching American history. He did it for twenty-seven years.

As the years went by, however, this once vibrant teacher began to falter and in 1981 he gave up teaching to become community bursar. Full retirement at Cornwells followed in 1985. He died there suddenly of a heart attack. Interment took place at the local community cemetery.

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