

REV. ROBERT N. ROACH, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Robert N. Roach, C.S.Sp., 83, of Bethel Park PA, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died March 19, 2006.

Fr. Roach was born December 25, 1922 in Fordham NY. He professed his vows at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the Priesthood March 20, 1948 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

He was first assigned to Cornwells Apostolic College, Bensalem 1948-1950. He was assistant pastor at St. Peter Claver Parish, Charleston SC (1950-1959) and a member of the faculty at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT (1959- 1967). He ministered in the missions of Puerto Rico (1967-1976) and later was appointed to Duquesne University (1976-1989) where he worked in Campus Ministry and completed his doctoral studies in theology there. During the years he spent at Bensalem PA (1989-1999), he was superior of the Spiritan community at Spiritan Hall, a member of the faculty of Holy Ghost Prep School, and co-director of Our Lady of Victories Shrine, Philadelphia. Fr. Roach retired in 1999 and was a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 2001. During his retirement he also served the Province as superior of their retirement home in Sarasota FL (April 2003-October 2004).

Fr. Roach was preceded in death by his parents John and Mary (Mulshine) Roach and his brothers and sisters. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

There will be viewing in the Chapel at Holy Ghost Preparatory School, 2429 Bristol Pike, Bensalem Thursday March 23rd from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM followed by Mass of Resurrection. Burial will take place in the Spiritan Cemetery there.

In memory of Fr. Roach donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Spirit Fathers, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102.