

REV. THOMAS P. SHARKEY, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Thomas P. Sharkey, C.S.Sp., 87, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Father Sharkey was born April 16, 1924 in Pottsville PA. He professed his vows to Religious Life August 22, 1945 at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1950 at St. Mary Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

Following his Ordination Thomas Patrick Sharkey spent most of his parochial ministry in various assignments in Puerto Rico. Beginning 1951 until his return to the States in 1998 he worked in the parishes of San Felipe in Arecibo, Our Lady of Fatima, Orocovis, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Barceloneta, Our Lady of Monserrat, Salinas and Immaculate Conception in Vieques PR. He retired to the Spiritans Community, Sarasota FL in 1998 and during his retirement years did Spanish ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Bradenton FL and also volunteered as a prison chaplain. He was appointed Associate Pastor at St. Mary's, Detroit MI (2002-2007) and has been a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 2007. On January 30, 2011 Fr. Sharkey was the recipient of the *Manifesting the Kingdom Award* given by Bishop David Zubik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to consecrated religious who demonstrate the presence of Jesus in their lives and have participated in an exceptional service to the Church .

Preceded in death by his parents Patrick and Frances McDonald Sharkey, Fr. Sharkey is survived by his sister, Frances Trachte of Shellington PA and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

There will be viewing in the chapel of The Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park on Wednesday, January 18th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM followed by Mass of Resurrection. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, O'Hara Twp., Pittsburgh PA.

In memory of Fr. Sharkey 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.