

Rev. Francis R. Duffy, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Francis R. Duffy, C.S.Sp., died suddenly Tuesday, October 19 at St. Clair Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Father Duffy was born March 26, 1915 in Philadelphia PA. He professed his vows September 20, 1936 at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the priesthood June 20, 1941 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

He was an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh 1942-50, and later gained a Doctorate in Social Science from the University of Pittsburgh. He furthered his education with additional studies in Psychology and Counseling at Duquesne University where he taught Sociology and Criminology for twenty years. During that time he was Chair of the Department 1943-66 and visiting lecturer at many colleges including St. Vincent, University of Pittsburgh, Steubenville College, Loyola University, and St. Joseph in Philadelphia. He was Director of St. Joseph House for Boys 1968-97. He also served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves for 25 years, became a Colonel, received the Legion of Merit and General Stewart Awards, and retired from the Reserves in 1975. Throughout his career he was well known and respected for his work in the field of hypnosis. He was a member of the International Society of Hypnosis and a fellow of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. In 1997 he obtained retirement status and was in residence at Spiritan Retirement homes in Bensalem PA, Sarasota FL and Bethel Park PA.

Fr. Duffy was preceded in death by his parents John and Anna (Rodgers) Duffy his brothers, Frs. William and Joseph Duffy, CSSp., Edward and Charles Duffy and his sister Ann Zavorski.

There will be viewing at the Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park on Monday, October 25, 9:30-11:00 AM followed by Mass of the Resurrection. The body will be taken to Bensalem where Final Commendation and Burial will take place at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 26 at the Holy Spirit Fathers Cemetery in Cornwells.