

Fr. John J. MURRAY 71 USA

\* March 5, 1919, Holmes, PA + January 6, 1991 Middle Town, Pa.

After three years at Cornwells, he did his novitiate in Ridgefield, CT., where he pronounced his vows August 5, 1941. He was ordained a priest in Ferndale, June 4, 1946, where he had gone for his higher studies.

His first appointment took him to the Southern missions in Louisiana at St. Edward's, New Iberia, and Holy Ghost, Opelousas. When he was transferred from Opelousas to Our Lady of Mercy, Charleston, SC., in 1954, his bishop wrote to the provincial: "He has done such splendid work in spreading the Holy Childhood in our parishes, that I ask you to recommend a priest best qualified to succeed him."

From 1959 on he became an assistant at Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, LA, St. Theresa, Tiverton, RI, and St. Mary's, Detroit. Following assignments to chaplaincies in Alabama and New York, he went to New Canaan, CT, as assistant director of the retreat house there.

In 1974 we find him as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove, SC, and in 1978 as assistant at St. Ann's, Millvale, PA. By then he was ailing from a variety of diseases, but he recovered sufficiently to assume the pastorship of St. Madeleine, Tiverton, RI, in 1983.

Two years later, however, he had to retire from active ministry and went to reside at Spiritan Hall, Cornwells, PA. He died of cancer at St. Mary's Hospital in a nearby town. Interment took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

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