COLUMBUS – Father Carmen Joseph Arcuri, longtime priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died August 20, 2017, at Mount Carmel East Hospital.

The son of Constantine and Elizabeth (Conti) Arcuri, he was born January 7, 1935, in Marion, Ohio. He was baptized at Marion’s St. Mary Parish and educated at St. Mary Elementary School and St. Mary High School. He began his studies and formation for the priesthood at the former St. Charles Borromeo College Seminary, Columbus, earning his bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1957, followed by studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, receiving his theology degree in 1961. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 27, 1961, by the Most Rev. Clarence G. Issenmann, Bishop of Columbus.

During his years of priestly service, Father Arcuri served as associate pastor, St. Michael Parish, Worthington, with teaching duties at Bishop Watterson High School; associate pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Coshocton; associate pastor, St. Ladislas Parish, Columbus, with teaching duties at Father Wehrle High School; associate pastor, St. Leo Parish, Columbus; and pastor, St. Matthew Parish, Mount Gilead.
He also served as administrator pro-tem, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Columbus; associate pastor, St. Joseph Cathedral; pastor, St. Mary Parish, Waverly; chaplain, London Correctional Institute; associate pastor, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Columbus; military chaplain, Naval Chaplain School, Rhode Island, and later as chaplain, U.S. Naval Air Facility, Atsugi, Japan; associate pastor, St. Paul Parish, Westerville; pastor, St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury; and associate pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Columbus, until his retirement in 2005. In retirement, Father Arcuri spent a number of years in residence at St. Michael Parish, Worthington, before taking residence at the Villas at St. Therese.

Calling hours for Father Arcuri will be Wednesday, August 23, 2–7 p.m., with Rosary beginning at 7 p.m., at St. Michael Church, 5750 North High Street, Worthington. Calling hours will resume Thursday, August 24, at 9:30 a.m., at St. Michael, until just prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will be the principal celebrant and homilist; Bishop Emeritus James A. Griffin will concelebrate, as will the priests of the Diocese. Burial will immediately follow in the priests section at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Long-term Health Care Fund for Retired Priests at the Diocese of Columbus, 198 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215.