

Rev. Edward G. Marley, C.S.Sp.

Fr. Edward Marley, C.S.Sp., was born April 10, 1917 in Derry City, Northern Ireland, the sixth and youngest child of the late Michael and Anna Marley. The family moved to Philadelphia in 1925.

Edward professed his vows at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the Priesthood on March 8, 1945 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT. Father's older brother William was ordained a Holy Ghost Father in 1940.

Fr. Edward was first appointed to St. Joachim in Detroit MI and subsequently to Uganda Martyrs Parish in Okmulgee OK (1946-49), Holy Ghost in Detroit MI (1949-51), and St. Theresa Narumu in Kilimanjaro East Africa (1951-56), where he learned the Kiswahili language. Following that he was appointed to Holy Ghost in New Orleans LA (1956-59), as Administrator at St. Mark's in New York NY (1959-62), then as Pastor of St. Monica in New Orleans LA (1962-68), Pastor of Sacred Heart in Lake Charles LA (1968-72), Pastor of Sacred Heart in Morrilton AR (1972), then as Chaplain of the V.A. Hospital in Reno NV (1972-80), Pastor of St. Boniface in New Dixie, Bagelow AR (1986-90). He retired in 1990 to Holy Ghost in New Orleans. In December of 2000, at the age of 83, Fr. Marley fully retired to the Spiritan Community of Casa Laval in Hemet CA.

After a long and full ministry, Fr. Marley died peacefully on December 18, 2005. Viewing and Rosary were held in the Chapel at Casa Laval Community on December 21 in Hemet CA. On December 22, 2005 Mass of Christian Burial took place in the Community Chapel with burial following in the Spiritan Cemetery. A memorial Mass was held in Philadelphia on January 7, 2006.