

REV. FRANCIS X. HANLEY, C.S.Sp.

Father Francis X. Hanley, C.S.Sp. 79, of Bethel Park, PA, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Wednesday, December 23, 2010.

Father Hanley was born April 23, 1931 in Wilmington DE. He professed his vows August 22, 1954 at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the priesthood June 4, 1959 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

He became a member of the faculty of Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem PA in 1961 and in 1968 was named Head Master of the School and served in that capacity until 1977. He was assigned to Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA, 1977, and was the co-founder of the Duquesne Apostolate for the Deaf which is now the Pittsburgh Catholic Office for the Deaf. In August of 1983 he was appointed a member of the Spiritans International Novitiate Team in Quebec, Canada, and in 1987 Superior of Bethel Animation Center, now the Spiritan Center, Bethel Park, PA. He returned to Duquesne University July 1999 and worked in the areas of student life and campus ministry and was also Assistant Superior of the Spiritan Community at Trinity Hall on campus. January 2005 brought him back to the Spiritan Center as superior until his retirement in 2006 where he resided at Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth and did replacement ministry for the Congregation. He was a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since March 2010.

Father Hanley was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Helen (Groff) Hanley, his brother, Joseph and sister, Kathleen Harnett. He is survived by his brother, Paul (Marie) Hanley of Hockessin, DE and his sister Marianne (Jerry) Rea, Huber Heights OH, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be viewing at the Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park Tuesday, December 28, 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday December 29, 9:00-10:30AM followed by Mass of Resurrection. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery, O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh PA.

In memory of Fr. Hanley 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.