

Fr. Paul Stephen FORD 74 USA P. R.

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After six years of studies at Cornwells, he went to the Ridgefield novitiate, where he was professed July 31, 1934. For his senior Studies he attended the classes in Ferndale and it was there that he received his ordination as a priest June 15, 1939.

His first assignment sent him to Puerto Rico in 1940. He labored there very hard in its busy missions of Arecibo, Barceloneta, Jayuya and Juncos for eleven years.

He returned in 1951 to the mainland and was stationed at St. Augustine's, Muskogee, OK, and then at St. Monica's, Tulsa in the same state till 1954.

After a year at Notre Dame High School in Riverside, CA, he was asked to go to Glenwood Springs, CO, to teach Latin to pre-novitiate candidates who did not have any grounding in this language. In 1966 he began serving in Louisiana, at the Holy Ghost parishes of Opelousas and New Orleans for two years.

He then received permission to join the Fathers who were going to open a new Spiritan mission in Arequipa, Peru. When the whole personnel had to be withdrawn from Peru in 1969, he served for six months "on loan" to the Camden diocese, NJ, for work among its Spanish-speaking people.

In late 1970 we find him at St. Anthony's, Portsmouth, RI, followed by St. Joseph's, Bay City, MI, in 1971, and St. Christopher's, Tiverton, RI, in 1973 on an interim assignment. Next came special assignments working among Hispanics in Florida.

In 1976 he became a hospital chaplain in Bridgeport, CT. Two years later, he went into active retirement, stationed at Cornwells, but still doing fill-in ministry. He died nine years later after a brief stay in a nearby hospital. Burial took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

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