



Rev. Msgr. Fredrick Paul O'Connor, Jr.

December 29, 1928 - January 17, 2023

Rev. Msgr. Fred O'Connor, born December 29, 1928, in Houston, Texas, to Fred and Margaret O'Connor, died on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in Houston, Texas.

Msgr. O'Connor was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by numerous cousins.

Monsignor graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1945. With his desire to guide and support people, he turned down both a scholarship at Rice University and a professional baseball contract to enter the seminary. Msgr. O'Connor graduated from St. Mary Seminary in 1952 and was a priest in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for over 70 years. He served faithfully in

numerous parishes in the Archdiocese and was often moved to a parish with a great need. He served as Chaplain at the Harris County Jail and in retirement celebrated Mass for the women at the Plane State Jail in Dayton for many years.

Friends are invited to a visitation from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg Road in Crosby, Texas with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. The Rite of Committal will be at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Msgr. O'Connor's memory to Sacred Heart Catholic School in Crosby, Texas.

Tribute Wall

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“ Fr. O'Connor shared numerous happy and sad occasions with our family. We lived across the street from the rectory at Resurrection Parish. I remember when a newly ordained Fr. O'Connor was assigned to that parish and it wasn't long before my twin brothers, Donald & Ronald, met him; and he continued to be strong influence throughout their lives. He officiated at my wedding, baptized my children as well as Ronald's, and buried my parents and brothers. We got to know his parents and had many crab gumbo dinners in which he, the young Father Fiorenza, and Father Braden attended. He was a devout and pious priest who touched many lives. God rest his soul.

Linda Parker McCluskey - January 23, 2023 at 05:35 PM

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“ Fr. Fred was a great man to so many. He holds a special place in the Talley's hearts. Thank you for all you did. Sending many prayers for his family and friends.

Kathleen Talley - January 23, 2023 at 12:39 PM

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“ *Father Fred was not only the best example of what it was to serve the Lord but the best example of what it was to be a truly great person. I was so blessed to have him in my life before I was even born as he was the greatest family friend for multiple generations that anyone could have asked for. He always enjoyed watching golf on the television with us and played the role as our father figure. He taught us how to ride a bike, how to fish and even how to play baseball, albeit, not as good as him. Every person who crossed his path was blessed to have such a wonderful person in their life. I truly know that he is with God now and continuing his spiritual journey. We love you and miss you Father Fred.*

Nathan Robinson - January 22, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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“ *Father Fred made every Serra event he oversaw as our chaplin not only sacred, but lively and fun. He radiated his love of God and lead by example. We were proud to know him and very, very blessed. The epitomre of faith in action.*

Vince and Kim Mary Cavarretta - January 20, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Father O'Connor was the epitome of a priest. He was the most generous, giving of his talents, caring and selfless person I've ever met. He used all his resources in everything he did... he was never afraid to ask anybody for anything. If he had connections, he utilized them in all aspects of his ministry to help others. I was fortunate enough to work alongside him, helping with our auctions at our church bazaars. He had a story for anything you would discuss with him. If you had topic, he had a story! I've had the pleasure of knowing Father since 1976 when he was assigned to St. Jude Catholic Church in Highlands, Texas. If mine wasn't the first wedding he performed, it was the second. Father has been an important part of our family through the years. Besides marrying me, he baptized my children, my nephews, and my grandson, He presided at the funerals of my husband and my child and other family members and always delivered the most personal, touching eulogies. He will be sorely missed here on earth, but heaven has certainly gained a precious angel! Rest in peace Father! Condolences and prayers to his family!*

Elaine Marshall

Elaine Marshall - January 19, 2023 at 10:29 AM