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MONSIGNOR MARIO SERRAGLIO PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS – Monsignor Mario Antonio Serraglio, longtime priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died May 25, 2018, while in assisted living at the Villas of Saint Therese.

The son of Alfonso and Maria (Crespi) Serraglio, he was born on October 14, 1933, in San Zenone (Treviso), Italy, and was baptized on October 15, 1933, at San Lorenzo Church in San Zenone.

Following his seminary formation and studies in Italy at the Pontificium Institutum Missionum Exterarum (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions or PIME, a society of secular priests and brothers who dedicate their lives to worldwide missionary activities) he continued his theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, and completed his studies at PIME's Sts. Peter and Paul Mission Seminary, Newark, Ohio. He was ordained a priest for PIME on April 26, 1958, by the Most Rev. Clarence G. Issenmann, Bishop of Columbus, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Mission seminary chapel.

Following his ordination, Msgr. Serraglio taught at the Sts. Peter and Paul Missionary Seminary High School, later serving as seminary rector, then as dean of men for the PIME theologians in formation at the Josephinum.

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During his priestly ministry with PIME, Msgr. Serraglio served in a number of parishes, including St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington; Holy Rosary, Columbus; Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark; St. Mark, Lancaster; and Holy Spirit, Columbus.

Msgr. Serraglio transferred from the PIME missionaries and was officially incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus on September 14, 1971 – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As a priest of the Diocese, Msgr. Serraglio served as pastor at St. Rose of Lima; St. Mark; St. Mary, Chillicothe; St. John the Baptist, Columbus; and St. Agnes, Columbus.

Following his retirement from priestly ministry in 2003, Msgr. Serraglio served as administrator pro-tem at St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, and assisted at number of parishes, especially at St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester.

Calling hours for Msgr. Serraglio will be Wednesday, May 30, 3-8 p.m., with Rosary at 7:30 p.m., at St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus, 43215. Calling hours will resume Thursday, May 31, 9:30 a.m., at St. John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road NW, Canal Winchester, 43110, until just prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. The Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will be the principal celebrant; Bishop Emeritus James A. Griffin will concelebrate, as will the priests of the Diocese; Msgr. Anthony Frecker will deliver the homily. Burial will follow in the priests section at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Medical Mission Sisters, 8400 Pine Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19111.

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