



Father Edward A. O'Connor

August 2, 1935 - November 7, 2016

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Father Edward A. O'Connor, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, died Monday, Nov. 7. He was 81.

Father O'Connor was born in Roscommon, Ireland, Aug. 2, 1935, the son of Michael J. and Margaret O'Connor.

He attended school at the Christian Brothers School, Roscommon, and later attended seminary at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, County Kildaire, Ireland.

He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1960, at St. Patrick's College by Most Reverend John McQuaid, Primate of Ireland. Father O'Connor arrived in the U.S. the same year he was ordained and first served as parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Atlanta. Assignments since then have included serving as a teacher at St. Pius X High School, Atlanta, and St. Joseph's Catholic High School, Atlanta, as well as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Church, Hapeville, and Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Decatur. He has been the pastor of St. Peter Church, LaGrange, St. Mary Church, Rome, Holy Cross Church, Atlanta, St. Michael Church, Gainesville, Holy Trinity Church, Peachtree City, and Queen of Angels Church, Thomson. He was the founding pastor of St. Theresa Church, Douglasville. In recent years, he served as chaplain for the Serra Club.

For the past eight years, Fr. O'Connor was in residence at St. George Village in Roswell, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Father O'Connor's memory to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, 760 Pollard Blvd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30315 or Sophia Academy, 2880 Dresden Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

The Vigil service will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA. 30305. Funeral mass will be on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Rite of Committal will be at Arlington Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW
Atlanta, ga

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Father o’Connor was our parish priest at St. Michael’s , Gainesville, Ga. Such a sweet loving soul. We had St. Patrick day celebrations where we baked so many loaves of soda bread.....he was so happy during his years with us. Can’t wait to see him again in heaven...JoAnn*

JoAnn McCullough - August 04, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ *Father Edward A. O'Connor*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ *We first met Father O'Connor when he came to establish St. Theresa of the Little Flower parish in Douglasville. He held mass in the basement of a building where our first son was baptized. Our second son was the first baptism in the newly built church. We continued to keep in touch even after he transferred to another parish. After we relocated to Augusta, we were pleased when he was moved to the outer most parish in the Atlanta Diocese in Thomson, just down the road from our Savannah Diocese church, St. Teresa of Avila. We saw him frequently and after his retirement, kept in touch with Christmas cards and notes. How I will miss that flowing signature with his trademark Irish shamrock at the end. Heaven is a better place having him and we were better for having known him.*

John and Kathryn Salazar - November 13, 2016 at 08:01 PM

JM

“ *We loved our time spent with the O,Connor family From all the Gallagher family in Curraghboy God rest his gentle soul*

jimmy murphy - November 13, 2016 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ *Thinking especially of his prowess on the County Roscommon Minor Gaelic Football Team of 1951, which won the All-Ireland Title, we, his first cousin, Patricia and his extended family in Roscommon, Galway and other parts of Ireland lovingly honour the memory of Fr Edward. Solas na bhFlaitheas ort (the light of Heaven on you), Eddie.*

Mait O Bradaigh - November 12, 2016 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ *When I was first made an Extra-Ordinary Minister I dropped a note to Fr. O' asking for his prayers and if he had any advise. He responded by suggesting that if I dropped a Host to not stand there and yell "AAARGH".*
Father O'Connor was one of the four Irish priests who officiated our daughter Kelly's wedding
He was such a dear man and he will be sorely missed. The one saving grace is that for sure he will be up there praying for all of us.
Rest in peace (knowing you were well loved by all of us) Father O'.
Mary Ann & Al Miller

Mary Ann Miller - November 10, 2016 at 11:22 AM

SM

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Stephen T Mason - November 10, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Father Edward A. O'Connor.*



November 09, 2016 at 01:44 PM