

Deacon Roland Downen, Served Garnerville Parish

Deacon Roland "Ron" F. Downen, who served at St. Gregory Barbarigo parish in Garnerville for 22 years, died Aug. 14 at home in Stony Point. He was 87.

Deacon Downen was ordained by Cardinal John O'Connor in St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 6, 1998. At St. Gregory Barbarigo, he was involved in the parish's sacramental and liturgical life. He served at hospitals and nursing homes, and ministered to the homebound, youth, young adults, the separated and the bereaved.

Born in Long Branch, N.J., he moved with his family to Stony Point in 1968, when he became



Deacon Roland Downen

an administrator in the North Rockland Central School District, where he served until his retirement in 1992.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served his community with the Stony Point Ambulance Corps and Stony Point Little League.

His wife of 60 years, Margaret, survives him. He also is survived by their children, Michael, Mark, Matthew and Mary Margaret, and grandchildren,

Nicholas, Matthew, Tyler, Taylor, Jenna, Samantha, Dominic, Aleya and Sophia, and a sister, Joyce.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 21 at St. Gregory Barbarigo.

Sister Agnes Mary Joy, Served 41 Years in Houston

Sister Agnes Mary Joy, M.M., who served at Ben Taub Medical Center in Houston for 41 years, died Aug. 13 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Ossining. She was 89.

Sister Agnes Mary was at Ben Taub, 1973-2014, including service as director of chaplains and supervisor of the clinical pastoral education program.

She was assistant director of the formal education department and a member of the orientation team at Maryknoll, 1969-1973, and also served in

Missouri, Mexico and Panama.

Born in Newburgh, she entered the Maryknoll Sisters Novitiate in 1954 and professed final vows in 1963.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy from the College of St. Rose, Albany, and a master's in history from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Burial was Aug. 18 in Maryknoll Sisters Cemetery, Ossining. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date.

Father George Anderson, Editor, Writer

Father George N. Anderson, S.J., who served as an editor and writer for America magazine in Manhattan, died Aug. 4 in Merion Station, Pa. He was 86.

Beginning in 1994, Father Anderson served at America for 17 years, including as assistant editor, a writer and as a member of the editorial board of the Jesuit publication.

After his ordination, he was a prison chaplain at Rikers Island. Also in the 1970s, he taught English at the Nativity Mission Center in Manhattan.

Father Anderson was later assigned to a parish in Washington, D.C., where he served for 14

years as pastor and parochial vicar.

After leaving America magazine, he continued writing while serving in pastoral ministries at the Jesuit Community of the Immaculate Conception in Manhattan.

Born in Rockville, Md., he entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1968 and was ordained in 1973 after studying for the priesthood at Woodstock College in Maryland. He held a bachelor's degree in English from Haverford College in Pennsylvania and a master's in seminars from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Burial was at the Jesuit Cemetery in Wernersville, Pa. A Memorial Mass is being planned.

Sister Lucy Sabatini, Led Nazareth Nursery

Sister Lucy Sabatini, O.S.F., of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, who served as administrator of Nazareth Nursery in Manhattan for 32 years, died Aug. 9 at The Wartburg Skilled Care Facility in Mount Vernon. She was 91.

Sister Lucy served at Nazareth Nursery, 1981-2013.

She was principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Poughkeepsie, 1975-1981, and St. Catharine, Pelham, 1971-1975. She taught at St. Clare Academy, Hastings-on-Hudson, 1965-1971 and 1949-1950; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pelham Manor, 1964-1965; St. Aloysius, Staten Island, 1957-1961; and Immaculate Conception, Tuckahoe, 1950-1957.

She also served as director of the archdiocese's Good Shepherd Program for Young Children.

Born in Vasto, Italy, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Hastings-on-Hudson in 1948 and professed final vows in 1953.

Her brother, Nicholas Sabatini, survives her.

A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a future date. Burial will also take place at a later date at Mount Loretto, Staten Island.

Sister Colleen McNicholas, Teacher

Sister Colleen McNicholas, O.P., who served as an adjunct faculty member at Fordham University, died Aug. 3 at St. Dominic Villa in Hazel Green, Wis. She was 84.

Sister Colleen served at Fordham for four years ending in 1989. She also earned a doctorate in education administration from Fordham.

Born in Chicago, she entered the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1955 and made final vows in 1959. Her religious name was Sister Maria Avia.

She is survived by a sister and two brothers.

A Funeral Mass was offered Aug. 12 at the Dominican motherhouse in Sinsinawa, Wis. Burial was at the motherhouse cemetery.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. T.C.

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