

Rev. William F. Cronin (M. I.) (1948-2015)

Fr. William F. (Bill) Cronin found eternal rest on Oct. 31, 2015 at the St. Camillus Health Care Center at the age of 66, where he spent the majority of his adult life serving God and the residents on the Campus.

Fr. Cronin left a life on Wall Street in New York City and entered the prenovitiate of the Order of St. Camillus

in suburban Milwaukee in 1969. He was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. and bragged about that fact through his email address -- "raised in brooklyn."

He was member of the Order of St. Camillus for 46 years and a priest for 39 years. He entered the Novitiate in Wauwatosa, Wis. in 1970 with temporary profession of vows a year later. He pronounced perpetual vows in 1974. He studied for his ordination at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis. and was ordained to the priesthood in 1976.

He had a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Marquette University and was a certified Health Care Chaplain. From 1980 through 1986, Fr. Cronin was the superior of a Camillian community in Phoenix, Ari. and with its closing returned to Wisconsin, where he had earlier been a chaplain and worked in vocations.

Fr. Cronin was the Provincial of the North American Province of the Order of St. Camillus from 1996 until 2001. Health concerns since that time forced Fr. Cronin into a limited practice of his ministry in pastoral care.

Fr. Cronin was born in 1948 and was a resident in Assisted Living at the St. Camillus Campus since June 2014.

Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 6 in the Camillian Room at San Camillo at 10:30a.m. with a Mass of Christian burial at 11:00a.m. and reception to follow. Burial will follow at the Order of St. Camillus cemetery in Durward's Glen, Baraboo, Wis.

May he rest in the eternal peace of Christ!