

FATHER BERNARD BLASICH

1933-2018



Fr. Bernard Blasich was born on April 2, 1933 in Fiume, Italy, to his father Mario and his mother Maria Jurcovich. He was the oldest of five brothers.

He attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1958 to 1959, St. Frances Major Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1959 to 1962, and then was sent to St. Columban's Major Seminary in Milton, Massachusetts where he took philosophy courses until 1963.

He received his Bachelor's of Theology degree from College Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in June of 1967.

He became a Chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and worked there from August 1968 to November 1970.

Fr. Bernard took his temporary vows at Durward's Glen in Baraboo, Wisconsin on September 8, 1961. He took his final vows on November 4, 1964 in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and on June 24, 1967 was ordained as a Camillian Priest in Marino (Rome), Italy.

From August 29, 1956 to September 12, 1958 he was enlisted in the United States Army.

He was commissioned in the United States Navy on April 8, 1971 and was associated with the Military Apostolate. During this time, he had many and varied assignments both in the United States and overseas. He earned the esteem of personnel with whom he was associated in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Between September, 1980 to December 1981, he carried out a Chapel assistance program in favor of the communities in the Naples - Avellino - Salerno areas that were hit by a terrible earthquake in November 1980.

He served as a chaplain at the Navy Hospital at Great Lakes to pursue graduate studies in theology at St. Mary's of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois.

He retired from the United States Navy on May 1, 1989.

From 1990 to June, 1993 Fr. Blasich served as a chaplain at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, Wisconsin

From 1995 to 1998 he worked in the Archdiocese of Chicago at St. Bernadette Parish in Evergreen Park, Illinois, where he assisted part-time in parish ministry.

After this time, he returned to Italy to live with his family.

The USA Camillian Delegation is saddened by the death of losing another member of the Order.