



Rev. Stephen P. Cairns

January 23, 1942 - July 19, 2012

Father Stephen P. Cairns died at his residence in Toledo, Ohio on July 19, 2012. He was born January 23, 1942 in Mansfield, Ohio. He graduated from St. Peter High School in 1960 and attended St. Meinrad College at St. Meinrad Monastery in St. Meinrad, Indiana, graduating in 1965. He attended Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in 1969. Steve was ordained as a student priest on August 11, 1968 at St. Peter Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Father Steve served as priest in the parishes of the Toledo Diocese, namely: St. Clement, Toledo, Ohio and during the same time taught at Holy Spirit Seminary in Toledo, Ohio; St. Wendelin Parish, Fostoria, Ohio and at the same time taught religion at St. Wendelin High School. Father Steve was pastor at St. Aloysius, Republic, Ohio and St. Stephen, St. Stephen, Ohio; St. Richard, Swanton, Ohio; Little Flower, Toledo, Ohio; Holy Family, North Baltimore and Cygnet, Ohio. He was active on the Diocesan Liturgy Committee and the Art and Architecture Committee for many years. Father Steve retired July 1, 2010. He was proud to be a Benedictine Oblate of St. Meinrad Monastery .

He will be missed by his surviving friends and relatives, who are cousins, especially in the Mansfield, Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio areas and his long time friend, co-worker, and care giver, Sister Marguerite Lamberjack.

His body will lie in state at Little Flower Church, 5522 Dorr St., Toledo on Monday from 3 pm.to 7 pm. Vesper services will be held at 7 pm.. . The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated By Bishop Leonard Blair at St. Peter Church Mansfield, Ohio on Wednesday at 11 am. where the body will lie in state beginning at 9 am. Father Steve will be buried alongside his parents in Mansfield, Ohio in a casket made by the monks of St. Meinrad Monastery. Memorials may take the form of contributions to The Priests Retirement Fund, Diocese of Toledo, the Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin, Ohio or to St. Meinrad Monastery, St. Meinrad, Indiana

Tribute Wall



“ I was Fr. Steve's parish secretary for 5 years and was honored to have worked with him and to have been his friend. He always treated me like a trusted colleague and not an employee. He was one of the only priests I ever knew who one could obviously tell LOVED being a priest. God bless you. I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Alicia Perez Searle apsearlechma@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ No more suffering and now you are at peace and with the Lord. You will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##The Simon Family##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy to his family and Sr. Marguerite. Fr. Steve was always very kind to me.##imported-begin##Janet Ward##imported-end##

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“ Rest peacefully my friend!##imported-begin##Joe Droll##imported-end##

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“ Fr.Cairns was our religion teacher at St.Wendelin in the 70's. I remember him as a very kind and inspirational man. Very sad to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Sandy Nye (Doogs)##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy, prayers and thoughts are extended to the many friends and family of Fr. Steve. Much love to Sr. Marguerite for the many years of care she gave to Fr. Steve.##imported-begin##Sr. May Kuhlman##imported-end##

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“ My thought and prayer is with you, his friends, his family, and especially his closest friends. Dear Marguerite, you have been a great source of life, love, and joy for Fr. Steve. Pace e bene, dear one with lots of love.##imported-begin##Marilyn Elwer Roll docelwe roll@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Fr Steve I met last Thanksgiving at a Spicer holiday celebration. I was impressed by his holy bearing and friendly smile. My prayers for Fr Steve and the Dillon family as always.##imported-begin##Michael Murphy##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy to Fr. Steve's family and most especially to Sr. Marguerite Lamberjack - now I know why you have been on my mind these past couple of weeks. Much love to you my friend, take care and be in touch, Pat###imported-begin###Pat Karmol pkarmol@utnet.utoledo.edu###imported-end##

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“ Rest in peace!###imported-begin###Connie Lemming###imported-end##

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“ prayers and love###imported-begin###diane hay###imported-end##

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“ You are a great mentor in many lives. RIP###imported-begin###Steve Miller###imported-end##

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“ Fr. Steve and I were assistants together at our first parish, St. Clement's in Toledo. What a passionate and kind gentleman priest! My sympathies to all his family and friends as well as his priest colleagues who will miss him deeply.###imported-begin###John Coyle jbcogle42@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ Growing up across the street from Steve, our families were quite close having many backyard cookouts together in the summer. In approx. 1970 Steve came and remarried my folks giving my mom the Catholic wedding she wanted. Many memories of Steve. As I read of his many accomplishments I felt proud to have known him. My sympathy to family and those of you who have been close to him. I am sure he was a dear friend.##imported-begin##Mary E. Glessner Akers meakers3@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Just heard that Father Steve had passed away and we are so very sorry. He was a dear family friend who presided at the marriages of three of our children. We were so thrilled to receive a Christmas card from him this past Christmas but sad to hear of his ill health. May you rest in peace, dear Steve. We will always treasure the wonderful memories we have of you.##imported-begin##Sue and Gale Dunphy sdunphy@bex.net##imported-end##

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“ What a very nice man he was. RIP##imported-begin##Joe Hammer##imported-end##

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