



Rev. Andrew Joseph Dunne

December 29, 1928 - July 23, 2016

Rev. Andrew J. Dunne, O.S.F.S. passed away on July 23 at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, OH at the age of 87. Fr. Dunne was born to Peter and Eleanor Dunne on December 29, 1928 in Wayne, PA. He earned a Philosophy degree in 1956 and degrees in Music and Education at the Catholic University of America four years later. He made his first profession as an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales in 1950 and after completing graduate studies at DeSales School of Theology was ordained to the priesthood in 1959.

After ordination, Fr. Dunne taught briefly at Fr. Judge High School in Philadelphia, PA, Aquinas High School in Southgate, MI, and a total of thirteen years at Bishop Duffy High School in Niagara Falls, NY. In 1972 he was appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center, MI, before becoming pastor in 1974. He served the good people of Fatima for thirty-four years. During his tenure, he oversaw Fatima's Catholic elementary school and the construction of a new church.

Fr. Dunne was a very approachable and deeply spiritual priest with a quick wit and lively personality. He brought joy to Oblates, friends, family, and parishioners. He was also an accomplished musician who enjoyed listening to the music of Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. He played the piano, sang, and, earlier in life, tap-danced.

He was preceded in death by his brothers the Rev. Peter J. Dunne and Daniel J. Dunne, as well as his sister Joanne (John) Dunne. He is survived by his brother John (Elise) Dunne, sisters Eleanor (William) O'Neill, Geraldine

(Thomas) Bones, sister-in-law Gail Dunne, and twenty-two nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 913 Napoleon Rd., Michigan, Center, MI, concluding with a Scripture Service at 7:30 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Fatima on Thursday, July 28 at 10:30 AM, with the church opening at 9:30 AM for an additional hour of visitation. A luncheon will follow Mass. Interment will take place at 11 AM on Friday, July 29 at Resurrection Cemetery, 5725 Hill Ave., Toledo Ohio.

Please view and sign the online registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Michigan Center, MI

Funeral

JUL 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Fr. Dunne managed our group at Duffy -- The Ensalada Brass. What a fine man he was. I can't hear "A Taste of Honey" without thinking of him and probably the 100,000 times we practiced that song. He never got discouraged*

Jim Bosco - August 08, 2022 at 09:05 AM

ER

“ *Remembering Father Andy Dunne for many reasons: Drama Coach at Duffy. family friend, and so much more.*



Ellen Russell - January 27, 2018 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ *I first met Father Dunne at the home of my future wife in Niagara Falls, NY. He had me at hello. When it came to a decision about who would officiate at the wedding, the only thing that I insisted on was that Father Andy do the honors. He drove from Michigan without batting an eye. A wonderful man and servant of God.*

Nancy (LaTona) and John McManus

John McManus - November 09, 2017 at 10:08 PM

KE

“ *Tu es sacerdos in aeternum, Andy! May you bring laughter to the angels and saints as you did to the People of God during your ministry on earth.*

Ken - July 29, 2016 at 07:28 PM

EM

“ *Father Dunne will always be remembered by me. I went to school at Our Lady of Fatima from Kindergarten to Sixth grade. We could always tell when he was in the building by the scent of his pipe on the halls. At Christmas, he would give all of us students candy canes. He also did service for my dad when he passed away. I will always love Father Dunne and so sad to hear of his passing but he will be remembered by his sense of humor. His ability to make people smile when they were sad and his big heart and compassion and love for everyone.* ”



Elizabeth Smith - Martinez - July 28, 2016 at 01:51 PM

Diane Achatz

Father Andy will always be in our hearts! When I attended Our Lady of Fatima in the 70's he was always jovial but serious about our mission as Catholic Christians. He infused a serious message with a wit and humor that made people reflect all the more deeply about Christ Jesus's great sacrifice and love for us. I remember him celebrating both my father's funeral and my and my husband's wedding! He made a special trip to Brighton for us because our parish was celebrating a wedding for one of his own family members. Father Dunne was personable and brought and kept many in the faith. He will be fondly remembered by many! 😊

Diane Achatz - October 09, 2017 at 10:18 AM

RS

“ *Rosary Care Staff lit a candle in memory of Rev. Andrew Joseph Dunne* ”



Rosary care staff - July 27, 2016 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Rosary Care Staff lit a candle in memory of Rev. Andrew Joseph Dunne*



Rosary care staff - July 27, 2016 at 03:07 PM

LP

“ *I only knew Fr. Dunne through our mutual friend, Fr. Ken Lill, at Rosary Care Center, but was truly sorry to hear of his passing. He was the life of dining table with an endless supply of jokes, observations and stories. His spirituality was evident despite his dismay over current events and politics!! He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially by those of us who looked to him for our daily dose of humor and good will.*

Lizann Prosser - July 27, 2016 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ *I loved Father Dunne when I attended Our Lady of Fatima many years ago. He was full of life and he shared much inspiration with his parishoners. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family members and his friends. He has been a wonderful influence on so many of our lives.*

Mary Maher - July 25, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ We've been parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima for 17 years and my in-laws were married there about 55 years ago. My 2 children went to school there K-6 and continued on to graduate from Lumen Christi High School. He could always be seen roaming the school halls, popping his head into a classroom or joining the kids in their activities. We enjoyed his sermons and his bubbly personality. He will be greatly missed by many.
signed, The Shovels family (Paula, Tim, Wesley and Meghan)

Paula Shovels - July 25, 2016 at 01:48 PM