



## Rev. David James Lautermilch

August 11, 1937 - January 26, 2020

Rev. David J. Lautermilch 82, a Senior Status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, who was active in the recovery movement, died Sunday, January 26, 2020. He was born August 11, 1937 in Bellevue, Ohio. He lived in Philadelphia as a young child, and later moved to Tiffin Ohio where he attended St. Joseph Grade School. He attended Our Lady of the Lake High Seminary, Indiana, and Mt. St. Mary of the West Seminary, Cincinnati. He also did graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, St. John University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and Xavier University, Cincinnati. Father David was ordained in 1962 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo. He served as Assistant Pastor and Associate Pastor at a number of parishes in the Toledo Diocese. He was Pastor of Saint Patrick Parish, Bascom, and Saint Andrew Parish, Liberty. He served as Chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital. He was best known for his work with recovery -- spreading God's message of hope, forgiveness, and love.

Father Dave enjoyed reading, science, arts, music, and could pull a pun out of thin air! He loved people, and consistently reached out to those in need, especially those involved in recovery. His body was donated to UTMC for educational purposes.

Father Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Clara (Grezk) Lautermilch, Sister Judy Lautermilch, Brother Paul Lautermilch, USN, Sister-in-Law Dorothy (Mescher) Lautermilch, Brother-in-law Charles Homan.

Surviving are his sister JoAnn Homan and numerous nieces and nephews.

He resided for the last five years at the Ursuline Center in Toledo and was particularly grateful for their care, kindness, and friendship.

Visitation will be at 10:00 am Monday, February 3, 2020 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 am, with Bishop Daniel E.

Thomas as the principal celebrant. Memorial contributions may be directed to Guest House 1601 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan 48360; The Ursuline Center 4035 Indian Rd, Toledo, OH 43606; or the Priest's Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Toledo. Please view and sign the guest registry at [coylefuneralhome.com](http://coylefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

## Funeral

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Fr. Dave was a longtime friend of Fr. Paul Kwiatkowski, and we met when Fr. Paul was pastor at Immaculate Conception, Toledo. Fr. Dave became, by association, our parish son also, and allowed us to celebrate milestones with him. Rest in peace, and thank you Fr. Dave!

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**Mary J Pilcher** - January 31, 2020 at 11:24 PM

KJ

“ I met Dave in the 70's when he was chaplain. My dad had to have emergency surgery. Dave was kind and very supportive through it all. Later when we met again we would have deep conversations about life, faith, spirituality and recovery. He left a great impact on my life.

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**Kate Juhasz** - January 29, 2020 at 09:13 AM

LV

“ I met Dave at a very vulnerable time in my recovery...I was no longer in early recovery and yet still green enough to not have a handle on all of what life was throwing at me. Dave took me aside and shared his experience on 'second stage recovery'. That part of recovery when just not drinking is no longer enough but emotions are still very on edge... His time, patience and experience were invaluable, and many years later, I remain sober. Sending strength to the friends and family of David.

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**Louis Vermillion** - January 29, 2020 at 08:56 AM

MR

*“ I will always remember how supportive Dave was of me and my recovery. Early in my recovery just seeing his face at meetings and hearing him greet myself and others with such enthusiasm provided me with a sense of comfort and stability. I know he touched the lives of many people, and I feel grateful that I was one of them.*



*My thoughts are with Dave's family and friends.*

*Maja Reed*

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**Maja Reed** - January 29, 2020 at 08:04 AM

GG

*I was working at ST V's when I met Dave He was instrumental in my recovery. I will always remember how special it was to have Dave present and my Passover celebrations. He will be missed.*

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**Gail Gorlen** - January 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM



*Father Dave was a dear friend to our former Pastor, Father Paul Kwiatkowski. He often participated in Masses and other functions at the parish. I often saw him at the Ursuline Care Center where he was in residence. Rest in God's peace Father Dave.*

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**Marie Irons** - February 02, 2020 at 10:43 PM

FG

*Father Dave, you will always be remembered for your quick sense of humor. It was great visiting with you at the Ursuline Center. You will be missed.*

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**Fred and Linda Garcia** - February 03, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MG

*I met Fr. Dave when he was assigned to St Patrick's in Bascom, Ohio. as pastor. And I was secretary there for the time of his term there. He was a very kind and generous person. May he Rest In Peace. Mary Ellen Gosche. (St Patrick's Bascom)*

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**Mary Ellen Gosche** - February 04, 2020 at 03:26 AM