



Thomas Landgraff

September 17, 1935 - May 20, 2019

Rev. Thomas J. Landgraff, OSFS, passed away on May 20, 2019 at Toledo Hospital at the age of 83. Fr. Landgraff was born to Theodore and Grace (Higdon) Landgraff on September 17, 1935 in Jersey City, NJ. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Ronald. He is survived by his sister-in-law Mary Ann Landgraff, niece Laura Hagel, and nephews Thomas and Ron Landgraff. He made his first profession as an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales in 1954 and earned a Bachelor Degree in Biology and Natural Science from Niagara University in 1960. Over the next four years while completing his theological studies for ordination he earned a Masters Degree in Biology from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Fr. Landgraff was ordained to the priesthood on April 11, 1964 and assigned to Cathedral Prep in Erie PA. In 1968 he was transferred to St. Francis de Sales School where he taught and served as Dean of Students. From 1979-1981 he taught at Central Catholic-Toledo. After earning a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Toledo in 1983, Fr. Landgraff moved to St. Patrick Parish in Denver CO to minister as a counselor and parochial vicar. In 1995 he was transferred to St Mary's, Sandusky, OH and in 1997 to St. Pius X, Toledo, OH. Fr. Landgraff became pastor of St. Pius X in 1998 and returned to St. Francis in 2004 as a Guidance counselor. He offered many retreats and helped many parishes over the years, right up to his passing.

Fr. Landgraff will be remembered as a wonderful priest, spiritual father and

mentor. With a natural humility and non-judgmental heart he connected with a wide range of people and ages. He enjoyed new experiences and valued those around him. He had a gentle way of redirecting souls to what is important and lasting. He was loved by many and will be missed.

Visitation will take place in the chapel of St. Francis de Sales School, 2323 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH on Thursday, May 23, beginning at 4:00 and concluding with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Pius X Church, 2950 Ilger, Toledo, OH on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 PM, with visitation in the church one hour before Mass. A light reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Pius X Parish, St. Francis de Sales School, or the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Retirement Fund

Coyle Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Please view and sign the guest registry at coylefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

St. Francis High School

Funeral

MAY **24**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St Pius X
2950 Ilger Ave
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Through Fr. Tom’s words and witness he helped a seed planted long ago sprout into renewed spirituality and friendship with Jesus for me!

Thanks to the Holy Spirit working through him. Knowing what he has done for me I can only imagine the mighty works and blessings he has provided to others he has come into contact with over the years

Fr Tom exhibited Salasian Spirituality throughout his life. He was unpretentious, natural and approachable. He could be gentle but firm when needed.

I enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect and the times I was able to spend with him on his Colorado trips these past few years. I am thankful our Lord chose him for his priesthood! He will be missed by many!

Bob Hellrung, SFS Class of '77'

Robert Hellrung - May 24, 2019 at 11:16 AM

LJ

“ Fr Tom blessed my wife and I 40 years ago last September with the sacrament of marriage. I will miss him he was a loving and caring person who show Christ love to all he met. My condolences go out to Fr Tom's family and his community. May Fr Tom rest in peace and the eternal light shine a pone him.

Lyle R Fisher Jr



Lyle R Fisher Jr - May 24, 2019 at 08:06 AM

RL

“ We enjoyed Father Tom very much at Little Flower Parish. He will be missed.

Richard & Mary Kay Lehner.

Richard Lehner - May 23, 2019 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ I worked at Catholic Charities when Fr. Tom was one of our directors of our board. What a wonderful generous man. Later he assisted at Little Flower Parish where I was a parishioner. There is nothing I can say that I am sure has already been said. He is a saint among us. God blessed us with his presence at Catholic Charities and at Little Flower Parish. My prayers are for Fr. Tom, The Oblates who will miss him dearly and his family. Cheryl Schroeder

Cheryl Schroeder - May 22, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ Father Tom was a man who knew the connection between God and man in a loving and caring way. I loved seeing that floppy white hair coming at you for a hug. He will be missed by so many but I bet they have the most amazing golf courses in Heaven and he's probably on one now!

Nancy Eade - May 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM

KH

“ Our deepest condolences to Fr Landgraffs family and oblates. He was such a kind man and good priest. He will be missed. My family just adored him. May he Rest In Peace.

Sincerely,

Walter and Karen Hales (Dziengelewski) and family



karen Hales - May 22, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DM

“ Let us begin by extending our condolences to Tom’s family, his brother Oblates, and all who loved him.

We met TL when he first came to Denver in 1983. Not only did he start his position as Pastor and Director of the St. Patrick’s Church and Counseling Center, but he also got involved with the local Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) chapter. It was there that we met Tom. We were so glad he invited us to visit St. Patrick’s. We loved his warm presence personally and definitely while presiding at Mass. It was easy to decide to join him and the friendly, mostly Hispanic community at St. Pat’s. We quickly learned of the Stephen Ministry program and decided to jump in. Tom centered nine months of marriage prep around our Stephen Ministry training. He and the program taught us a great deal about good communication skills and service to others.

Tom led St. Patrick’s at a challenging time, which included financial difficulties and the decision to lessen the status of the church to mission and welcome a congregation of cloistered Franciscan nuns to share the space. Despite differing opinions on these matters Tom always treated everyone with love and respect.

We were honored that TL was the main celebrant at our wedding in 1986, our pastor at St Patrick’s parish in north Denver, and our dear friend. We loved our visits in recent years when he came to town from Toledo - talking, laughing, hearing stories again and again, hiking, and enjoying Rockies games even though his first love from childhood were the Yankees. His thoughtful, loving words, which guided us, will be long remembered. Thank you, Fr. Tom for all your love. Godspeed.

Dan & Rachel Mondragon

Daniel MOndragon - May 22, 2019 at 08:52 AM

CD

“ Fr. Tom was SO loved at Little Flower. He was our 'unofficial' 'associate' pastor there. Such a good, wholesome, down-to-earth, 'cool' guy. He had homilies which I'm sure were prepared but were spoken conversationally off the top of his head it looked like. Such a shock. We're going to miss him there so much. May he rest in peace. I'm sure he's already in heaven. Cathy Darmofal



Cathy Darmofal - May 22, 2019 at 08:05 AM

SM

“ Stan, Lou & Bob Nitkiewicz and Sharon Marciniak purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Landgraft.



Stan, Lou & Bob Nitkiewicz and Sharon Marciniak - May 21, 2019 at 04:19 PM

MA

“ Fr landgraft was the best person on this earth

Madeline - May 21, 2019 at 02:21 PM