

Fr. Thomas Moore O.S.F.S.

April 1, 1938 - May 29, 2013

Brother, priest, confidant, spiritual guide and, most of all, friend to many. Died peacefully from pancreatic cancer on May 29, 2013 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio surrounded by family, friends and members of his second family, the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Tom was born on April 1, 1938, grew up in Niagara Falls, New York, the son of William and Margaret Moore. In 1956, after graduating from Bishop Duffy High School in Niagara Falls, he joined the Oblates. He received a bachelor's degree from Catholic University of America and was awarded a licentiate in sacred theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1966 at the site of the tomb of St. Francis de Sales in Annecy France.

Fr. Moore served the Church and the Oblates in many capacities. He taught at Oblate high schools in Philadelphia, Detroit and Toledo. He did parish ministry in Detroit, was chaplain to the Adrian Dominican Sisters in Adrian, and worked as a hospital chaplain in Saginaw, MI. Tom's greatest joy came in helping with the formation of young men preparing for religious life and the priesthood. He was a member of the first Toledo-Detroit Oblate Province "formation team" from 1971-'74. He was a member of the formation team at the former St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, MI from 1979-'83. He served as the director of seminarians for the Diocese of Saginaw from 1991-2004. In Saginaw he worked closely with his dear friend, Bishop Ken Untener. Finally, in 2008, at the age of 70, he sensed a call to Haiti to help with the formation of

young Haitians interested in joining the Oblates there.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, many aunts and uncles, including two special “aunts” Loretta and Alice O’Donnell. He is survived by his brother, Dr. James Moore (Phyllis) of Lewiston, NY; sister, Mary McAnulty (Tom) of New York City; brother, Richard Moore (Marty Crowder) of Toronto, Ontario; sister, Ann Moore of Lewiston, New York; nieces and nephews Stephen McAnulty (Jeanette Rosario), Kathleen Bernier (Hans) , Beth Pascali (Umberto), Anne Moore, William Moore, Cathleen (Toby) Mordkoff, Hope Moore (Peter Girardi); six great-nephews & nieces and a host of Oblate brothers from all over the world.

Fr. Thomas Moore, will lie in-state at St Pius X Church, 3011 Carskaddon Ave Toledo, OH 43606 on Monday, June 3, 2013, where the visitation will be from 6:00 - 9:00 pm and a Vigil Liturgy to be held at 8:00 pm. Visitation will also be held on Tuesday June 4, from 9:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:00 am. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oblates of St Francis Haitian Seminary Fund or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

The Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales with services.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
2950 Ilger Ave.
Toledo, OH 43606

Visitation

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
2950 Ilger Ave.
Toledo, OH 43606

Funeral

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
2950 Ilger Ave.
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Remembering what a happy soul Fr. Tom was from his earliest years when we were in elementary school together at Sacred Heart. When we were in about the 5th or 6th grade, we were sitting beside each other at Church and we started to giggle for some reason (as children will sometimes do). Well, giggling was "forbodden" and suddenly we were told to go up to the altar and ask God's forgiveness for our inappropriate gaity!

I remember it now and smile thinking there is no way that God would ever look unfavorably on a happy soul like Tom. He spread so much joy in the world.

I'm sorry that this is so late but I just learned of his passing today and send my thoughts and prayers to the Moore family....Joan Zeifang Joyce

Joan Zeifang Joyce - October 08, 2013 at 01:04 AM

MP

“ I am sad to say that I just learned of the passing of Fr. Moore while searching his name. After forty-two years, when he was my teacher and priest at Salesian High School, I still recall the love of Christ that Fr. Moore showed through his example to my fellow students and me. I am so thankful that for the fond memories I have of this Catholic priest.



Michael Palaich - August 29, 2013 at 04:24 PM

WG

“ To the family of Fr. Tom Moore, with deepest sympathy in the passing of such a Godly man who put the Lord and others first. He is in the Lord's presense which is the best place to be. That is our comfort. He will be greatly missed.

Winnie Goss

winnie goss - June 05, 2013 at 02:50 PM

KW

As St Mary's Hospital in Saginaw Priest, Father Tom gave comfort when my daughter became critically ill He truly brought the meaning of Peace that Passeth all Understanding into her NICU room where it remained. When he left for Haiti, he asked me to pray for him and he would continue to pray for our family. I just learned of his passing. Again, he comforts me as now I know he is with my daughter in Heaven. What a Blessing!

kathy Waldron - June 15, 2015 at 10:06 PM

BG

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Moore family. Tom served God through the kindnesses he showed to the many whose lives he touched.

Bill Gallagher

Bill Gallagher - June 04, 2013 at 09:14 AM

FF

“ Our sympathy goes out to the Moore family and to the Oblate family. Fr. Tom was a truly good man who will be missed immensely.

Frances and Lee Faust


frances faust - June 04, 2013 at 09:00 AM



KA

“ Dear Uncle Jim, Uncle Dicky, Mary, and Anner,
Your brother was a true gift to our family. He touched so many of
our lives when we were hurting or low. He was the essence of love.
We were so very blessed by his kindness.
We are so very saddened by his loss but know that God is hugging
his beautiful soul and holding him tight. You are all in our prayers.
Love,
Kay (Hoftiezer) Stanney

kay - June 02, 2013 at 09:27 PM

 Laura
Darby

“ To all of Fr. Tom Moore's Family and his brother Oblates,
It is with deepest sympathy that I wish to pass on my family's
condolences. Fr. Tom has been a special light in my life since the
death of my mother in December of 1992. We did talk a few times
since her death but he was many times in my thoughts and prayers.
I always considered him part of our family and know how hard it
must be for you all to lose him. I followed his blog and his essence
always was portrayed in his writing. It was as if he was with you in
person. May God welcome him with open arms. Well done good
and faithful servant!
Laura Waldron Darby

Laura Darby - June 02, 2013 at 06:26 PM

KW

“ Fr Tom -

*A Kind Gentle Humble Great Caring Disciple And Brother To Us All -
A True Christ-Bearer.*

Pax,

Kevin Daly Waldron

'Be who you are, and be that well'

*'Aspire à Dieu, avec effusions courtes mais fréquentes éjaculations
() du cœur.'*

- St François de Sales

kevin waldron - June 02, 2013 at 05:20 PM

LG

Fr. Tom you will be missed...we appreciated Fr. Tom at St. Mary's ..He touched alot of no only patients but staff as well. Linda Griffin

Linda Griffin - June 08, 2013 at 08:46 PM

MM

“ *Our condolences to Moore family. Fr. Tom was truly a wonderful person and a loving priest. He touched the hearts of our family when he was at St. Christophers in Bridgeport and also when my husband was sick and in the hospital at St. Mary's. I know you will miss him as will we. That smile of his was sure something special.*
Denny & Mary McKay

Mary McKay - June 02, 2013 at 03:24 PM

AW

“ *Amy Ward lit a candle in memory of Fr. Thomas Moore O.S.F.S.*



Amy Ward - June 02, 2013 at 03:05 PM

BH

“ *To the Moore Family:
I was so sorry to hear of your brothers passing and wanted you to know that I am thinking of you during this sad time.
Sincerely, Blair J. Hoplight*

Blair Hoplight - June 02, 2013 at 01:08 PM

SK

“ *Dear Moore Family,
I'm so sorry to read of Tom's passing. He lead an exemplary and joyous life. I remember meeting him once at your cottage when I was a teenager. My mother, Mary Dickerson, was a good friend of your Mother's and I remember you all so well and so fondly. Please accept my condolences and may your memories be a comfort to you.*

*Sarah Dickerson Kauffman
Santa Rosa, CA*

Sarah Kauffman - June 01, 2013 at 04:59 PM

SO

To the Moore Family, my husband and I are very sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was a very loving and thoughtful person and made you love him. He will truly be missed in Saginaw at SS Simon&Jude church. Please accept our condolences. Sonny & Freddie Hodges

Sonny&FreddieHodges - June 02, 2013 at 02:40 PM