Rev. Paul R. Coppola, 83, was the son of Michael and Mary Louise Savarino Coppola. He attended several schools including the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, Buffalo; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; Boston University; New England Conservatory; St. Anselm Gregorian Institute, Manchester, New Hampshire; West Virginia University; and Eastman School of Music, Rochester. He attended seminary at St. Joseph Calicoon; St. Anthony, Catskill; and Mount Alvernia, Wappingers Falls. He was ordained a Franciscan Priest at Mount Alvernia Seminary in 1951.

Father Coppola entered the Diocese of Buffalo in 1962 and began serving as a teacher at Bishop Turner High School and as a weekend assistant at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, both in Buffalo.

He was incardinated into the Diocese of Buffalo in 1966 and served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Portville; and St. Anthony, Lackawanna. He retired in 1983.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus; American Guild of Organists; St. Cecelia Society; Gregorian Institute; Honorary Rotarian and the Boys Club of America.

Father Coppola also served as a football, wrestling and baseball coach at Bishop Turner and as the choral director for St. Joseph New Cathedral, Buffalo.

**Family Members**

**Parents**
- Michael Coppola
  - 1885–1965
- Mary Louise
  - **Savarino** Coppola

**Siblings**
- Irene Coppola
  - 1915–1947
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