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Charles A. LaPenta

LA PENTA Rev. Charles A., OSFS Father Charles A. LaPenta, a priest of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, died on his birthday, Saturday, August 1, 2009. He was 83 years old. At the time of his death he was a resident of Rosary Care Center, Sylvania, Ohio. Fr. Charles was born in Wilmington, Delaware and after his high school education entered the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. He professed his first Vows on September 16, 1945 and was ordained a priest on June 5, 1954. He was a graduate of Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York, the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C and completed advanced studies in French at Laval University in Canada. Father was a high school teacher, guidance counselor and administrator serving at various times in Oblate sponsored schools in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, and Salt Lake City Utah. In 1956 he was sent to Monte Carlo, Monaco to be the priest secretary to Father J. Francis Tucker OSFS who was a member of the General Council of the Oblates and the Chaplain to the Royal Family of Monaco. Ten years later Fr. LaPenta was himself assigned to Monaco to be the Chaplain to Prince Ranier III, Princess Grace and the members of the Royal family of Monaco. He was particularly fond of those years and of receiving greetings from the Royal family every Christmas even after his term was completed and he returned to the United States. After returning to the United States he spent nearly 30 years in the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah as a high school teacher and also as pastor of two parishes and as chaplain to the U.S. Army at the Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah. He also helped administer international education tours for students. In 2004 he came to St. Francis de Sales Faculty House in Toledo



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as a "senior" religious. He assisted in ministry in various places especially the Oblate Residences, the Oblate sponsored, government assisted apartment building for seniors in Toledo; St. Pius X parish; and St. Clement's parish, Toledo, before moving in 2008 to the Rosary Care Center in Sylvania Ohio. Fr. Charles is survived by his three brothers, Chris (Eleanor) of Newark, Delaware, Ed (Kathy) of Orchard Park, New York and Paul (Beverly) of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Although his stay in the Toledo area was short he made several close friends during this time. His funeral arrangements are as follows. The ceremony of Reception of the Body will be held beginning at 4:00 p.m, Wednesday August 5, 2009 at St. Pius X Church, 2929 Ilger Street, Toledo Ohio. The Wake will continue there-after with the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Burial will follow the next day in the Oblate section of Resurrection Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio. In lieu of flowers remembrances can be made to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, Senior Religious Fund, 2043 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43607, or Rosary Care Center, 6832 Convent Boulevard, Sylvania, Ohio 43560. Arrangements are through the Coyle Funeral Home.

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