

# Rev. Raymond A. Devlin S.J.

1924 - 2011

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Rev. Raymond A. Devlin, S.J.

Oct. 7, 1924 - Dec. 6, 2011

Resident of Los Gatos

Rev. Raymond A. Devlin, S.J., 87, died December 6, 2011 in Regis Infirmary, Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, Los Gatos, after a brief illness. Ray was born in San Francisco on October 7, 1924. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School and entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Los Gatos in 1942. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Gonzaga University and taught religion, mathematics and English at St. Ignatius High, 1949-52, while serving as a football and basketball coach. Theological studies were made at Alma College, Los Gatos, and he was ordained a priest in St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, in June 1955. Upon completion of studies, Ray returned to St. Ignatius as religion teacher and track and cross country coach, 1958-65, and in the same capacities at Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose, 1966-71. He also served as chaplain at Santa Clara

County Boys' Ranch, 1971-76.

Ray was assigned to pastoral work at St. Mary's Church, Ogden, Utah, from 1977 to 1990. In addition, he served as chaplain, teacher and coach at St. Joseph's High School in Ogden. Later assignments included ministry at St. Thomas More Church, Paradise, Calif., and for the last several years at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara.

Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. J. Joseph Devlin, S.J. He is survived by his brother Paul of Lafayette, California and his sister Ann Marie Jones of Concord, California, and many nephews and nieces.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2800 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara, at 10:00 a.m., December 12, 2011. Burial will follow at the Jesuit plot at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, 490 Lincoln Street, Santa Clara.

Donations in memory of Fr. Devlin may be made to the California Province of the Society of Jesus, P.O. Box 68, Los Gatos, CA 95031, or to a [charity of your choice](#).



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**Devl**

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December 4, 2020

remembering Father Devlin again, knowing he is praying for me

**Robert Dunn**

Friend

December 3, 2019

Remembering Father Raymond Devlin SJ for bringing me and my family into the Catholic Church April 1, 1961, and making two life-long Catholics out of my brother and me. For that alone, Ray is in heaven.

**Robert Dunn**

Friend

December 4, 2012

We think of you often Fr. Devlin. You are missed. RIP - Anna and Shawn Alfonsi

### **Anna & Shawn Alfonsi**

December 20, 2011

Fr. Devlin baptized my mother, brother, two sisters, and me, Bob Dunn, SI '70, on Easter Sunday 1961. I was born in 1952, so I was about 8 1/2 years old. He gave us instruction at home, and from the moment he began, I knew I was hearing the truth. He was the first priest I ever knew. He was the first to hear my confession, and it was at home. He was my brother's 1st year religion teach at St. Ignatius, and, according to my brother, Tom Dunn, '64, when Fr. Devlin heard that Tom was not Catholic, Fr. Devlin asked if Tom would like to become Catholic, Tom answered yes, and that is how it all began. I think of all the children he must have baptized, but I am most thankful it was Fr. Devlin who took care of me.

### **Robert Dunn**

December 13, 2011

Rest in peace Father. You will be in my heart forever.

-the flying dutchman-

December 12, 2011

Fr. Devlin you will always be my heart and never forgotten. your wit, compassion and love of our LORD is remembered in my heart.

Dear Father, it is you that brings me back to my faith and my church.

May you rest in peace with Jesus and all the saints.

The Jenkins Family

December 12, 2011

Thank you Fr. Devlin for being a wonderful leader, speaker and Father. My husband and I loved your witty homilies, your speedy confessions, and your gentle giant presence at OLOP. We love you and we know that you are enjoying your eternal reward with our Lord---the very one you helped us know better. You are missed.

**Robert & Juliette Sanchez**

December 12, 2011

Fr. Devlin was a great friend and an inspiration to our family, especially our son whom he taught and coached at St. Joseph's High School. May he rest in peace.

**Leroy & MaryAnn Atencio**

December 12, 2011

Fr. Devlin's obit mentions his teaching Religion (among other subjects) at St. Ignatius High School back in the early 60s. But in those days, Religion was taught three days a week and Public Speaking the other two days to

the same class. So I had Fr. Ray for Public Speaking as well during my sophomore year at S.I. Lots of fond memories of those days with his unique style of teaching both courses.

### **David Mezzera**

December 12, 2011

Father Ray and his dear brother Father Joe were greatly appreciated at Our Lady of Peace Church in Santa Clara. Their ministry in Confession and in encouraging parishioners gave visible form to the goodness and love of the invisible and heavenly Father. Father Ray, requiescat in pace!

### **Father Anthony-Hernandez**

December 12, 2011

What a loss. And now heaven's gain. Fr. Ray and Fr. Joe together again at long last. They don't make priests like the Devlins anymore, and we surely need them. May the lives you led inspire the best in us and may your example guide and teach as it always has. With love and gratitude always

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### **Laurie Sullivan**

December 11, 2011

A soul dedicated to God's service as de soul of father Davlin S.J. was, is a blessed soul.

I rember him coming to my home to give my father, who was very ill, the Last Rites.

Let's not cry for him, let us Rejoice, His soul has returned to the Lord.



## Iride Gadong

December 11, 2011

Having been one of Fr. Ray Devlin's athletes I was able to see his devotion to both the youth he taught/coached and God. Fr. Devlin was a great man, Priest, coach and Friend. He was able to see the good in everyone and use this insight to mold youth for their lives as adults. He was able to change his approaches to best fit the individual youth and ensure that the youth performed to his/her absolute best. I continue to model much of my live after the insights that I received from Fr. Ray Devlin. Fr. Ray Devlin will be greatly missed by my family, as is Fr. Joe Devlin who baptized me. May God bless the Devlin Family and may the Virgin Mary watch over you.

## John Jusko

December 11, 2011

To a GREAT track and crosscountry coach, teacher,priest and family friend. Many fond memories of travels to practice and meets. You'll be dearly missed...

## Chris Keller

December 10, 2011

Fr Devlin you saw something in me that noone else did. You are a great friend and will be missed. You gave me an opportunity to run track and pass latin : ) I loved the trips we took when we went for mass. It seemed

no matter where we went we ended up in park city sneaking a ski trip. Your gonna be missed. You have been in my heart and thoughts for years. Now your watching ove me again. God has blessed me with have knowing you. Thank You.

### **Shawn Roybal**

December 10, 2011

One of the most influential people in my life. A great coach, teacher and mentor.

### **Mark Benesh**

December 10, 2011

A great coach, mentor, priest, & friend. I will miss you very much, Ray Ray!

### **Paul Messerli**

December 10, 2011

Uncle Ray was a classic. He always wanted to help and to serve. He took a sincere interest in his nephews' and nieces' lives. Thousands of students benefited from his love of life and the Lord. He served with Uncle Joe in Vietnam and Thailand. Along the way, he became a mountain climber, emergency medic, missionary, wonderful priest, winemaker, Juvenile Hall counselor, ski instructor, coach, and teacher. He made every conversation lively. He will be missed!

### **Ray Devlin**

December 10, 2011

Fr. Devlin as a friend and priest will be greatly missed by our entire family. Everyday he would pick up my brother for school at St. Joseph's and take him home again. Our family enjoyed having him join us for Thanksgiving dinner for many years. When having to make a difficult decision in my life I was able to ask Fr. D for advice. With understanding and frank logic he advised me to resolve the problem. We truly will miss you. Our Deepest Sympathy to your family and the Jesuit Order.

**Robert Jusko**

December 10, 2011

Father Devlin... you made it across that final finish line, congrats--well done! I recall with a smile (and a grimace) that first "invitation" you offered this scrawny freshman to jog with you. I was sucking air at mile two, you continued chatting with me through mile ten! Remember senior year? I still chuckle when I think about tugging on that rope outside your window. You had attached it to your foot for the 2 AM wake-up call to say mass for us after the prom. Thanks for presiding at our wedding some forty years ago. Thanks for teaching me the meaning of perseverance, loyalty and service to others. Thanks for checking in with us and keeping us in your prayers. Glad you are now with your beloved brother Joe--I'd like to meet him someday. Looking forward to another "jog" with you, I'm in better shape now.. Ken Bonsi, Bellarmine class of 1969

**Ken Bonsi**

December 9, 2011

May your soul rest in the peace of the Lord, Father Devlin

**Deacon Thom Rodgers**

December 9, 2011

Fr. Devlin made St. Joseph High a better place. I have very happy memories of track and Latin class with him. He is in my prayers. Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

**Mary Molumby Jorgensen**

December 9, 2011

A great FRIEND to me and my family for over 40 years. He was a devoted and loving priest who made us all better people through his daily actions and dedicated service. He set the bar for what a priest should strive to be. He will be deeply, deeply missed. You'll always have a place in our HEARTS Fr. Devlin - ALWAYS! Say hello to your brother Joe from all of us!

**Shawn Alfonsi**

December 9, 2011

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

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