

The Rev. Daniel Free, C.P.

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The Rev. Daniel Free, C.P., a Passionist priest, died at Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica, N.Y., on June 11, 2016. He was 92, born Dec. 10, 1924, he was the son of the late Henry Free and the late Frances Stahlin Free, brother to the late Rev. Henry Free, C.P. and the late Rev. Conran Free, C.P., uncle of Conran Arahill of Avenel, N.J.; and Patricia Furia of Bloomfield, N.J.

A native of Jersey City, New Jersey, Father Daniel attended St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, N.J., from 1940-1942 and graduated from Holy Cross Prep Seminary, Dunkirk, N.Y., in 1945. He entered the Passionist novitiate in 1945 and professed vows at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1946. After completing studies in philosophy and theology at various Passionist monasteries, Father Free was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James McNulty at Saint Michael Monastery in New Jersey on February 28, 1962.

After a year of study in preaching Father Daniel conducted parish missions and retreats while living at Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica, N.Y., from 1954-1955. He served as parochial vicar and pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Baltimore, Maryland, from 1955-1971 and from 1974-1976. In between, he was Vicar at St. Gabriel Monastery, Brighton, Mass., from 1971-1974.

Father Daniel returned to Baltimore Md. in 1984. From 1984-2000, he was Director of Pastoral Care and Hospital Chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital and Health Care Center, Baltimore, Md. In 2000, Father Daniel moved to Holy Family Monastery, West Hartford, Conn., and resumed part time hospital and parish ministry until he moved to Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica, N.Y., in 2009. Father Free was a resident of the monastery until he went home to God.

The funeral for Father Daniel Free, C.P. will be at Immaculate Conception Monastery, 86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432. The vigil will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, at Immaculate Conception Choir Room. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Immaculate Conception Choir at 11 a.m. Committal services will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. in St. Ann's Basilica, with burial to follow at St. Ann's Monastery Cemetery, Scranton, Pa. Donations in memory of Father Daniel may be sent to the Passionist Missionaries, 111 S. Ridge St., Suite 302, Rye Brook, NY 10573.