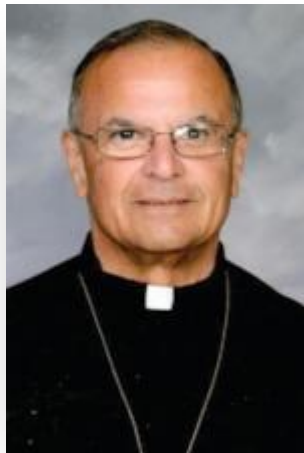


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Father Gerry Chavez was born on January 7, 1947 in Tulare, California. He passed away peacefully on February 29, 2020, with his family by his side.

Father Gerry attended schools in Tulare and graduated from St. Aloysius Catholic School. He attended Ryan Preparatory College in Fresno and Mount Angel Seminary, Mt. Angel, Oregon. Father Gerry was ordained on March 31, 1973 in Tulare. He served the diocese of Fresno from 1973 to 2017. He was placed on a permanent medical leave of absence in 2017. Father Gerry served the Diocese of Fresno for 47 years.

Father Gerry Chavez served the Diocese of Fresno at the Following Assignments:

Assignments June 1, 1973-----Assistant Pastor, St. Therese, Fresno June 2, 1975-----Assistant Pastor, St. Brigid, Hanford July 1, 1976-----
--- Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph, Los Banos February 21, 1979----- Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Clovis December 9, 1980----- Pastor, St. Joseph, Avenal March 1, 1984-----Pastor, Holy Family, Kingsburg and Santa Cruz Mission, New London June 20, 1988-----Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Merced; Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Patrick, Merced July 13, 1989-----
----- Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bakersfield July 1, 1991-----
----- Administrator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bishop July 15, 1995-----
Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bishop January 15, 2001-----Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes, Corcoran October 31, 2005-----Pastor, St. Peter, Lemoore September 1, 2010-----Parochial Vicar, St. Anne, Porterville May 9, 2001-----
-----Parochial Vicar, St. Francis of Assisi, Bakersfield June 15, 2014-----
- Sacramental Priest, St. Aloysius, Tulare March 18, 2016-----Chaplain/In residence, Nazareth House, Fresno May 1, 2017-----Permanent Medical Leave of Absence Other Appointments August 13, 1976-----Diocesan representative, Board of Chaplains, Knights of Columbus State Council June 20, 1979----
-----Chaplain, St. Agnes Medical Center, Fresno June 10, 2002-----
Member, College of Consultors June 10, 2007-----Dean, Tulare/Kings Deanery Sept. 21/07 - Sept. 30/08----In Hospitality; St. Brendan, Los Angeles (Sabbatical leave - health reasons) Father Gerry is survived by his father, Pete, Tulare; his brother,

Gene (his wife Toni), Tulare; niece, Antoinette Haugh (her husband James) and grand niece Carmen Olivia, San Francisco, and niece, Rebecca Chavez, Tulare. He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther Chavez. Father Gerry also leaves behind many cousins.

Father Gerry made many friends wherever his assignment took him and will truly be missed by many individuals and families.

Recitation of the Rosary will be on Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 pm at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Tulare, California. Funeral mass of the resurrection will be Monday, March 9th at 10:30 am at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Tulare, California. Interment will be at the Tulare District Cemetery, 900 E. Kern Ave., Tulare, California.

In lieu of flowers, friends, make a donation in memory of Father Gerald F. Chavez to the building fund for St. Rita's Catholic Church in Tulare, 954 S. "O" Street, Tulare, CA 93274.

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I remember Father Jerry when he began his service at the shrine of St. Therese in Fresno in 1973. A fantastic man, open minded, loving, inspirational. He will never be forgotten.

Nancy Miller

March 11, 2020

My deepest condolences to the family.

I have fond memories of Father Gerry while working in the rectory at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bakersfield, CA. He made the best homemade apple pies and I enjoyed his happy disposition. He will truly be missed.

Maria Quiroz

March 9, 2020

Father Gerry will always be remembered as someone that made a positive difference to our community in Kettleman City God Bless you Father Gerry.

Reyes Guzman

Friend

March 8, 2020

Eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he Rest In Peace.

Juanita Luevano

March 7, 2020

Fr. Jerry gave last rites to our son Jason. We are forever grateful for his compassion and love as we lost our dear son. You are not forgotten and we know we will be united with you Fr. Jerry in heaven.

Randy Arie

March 6, 2020

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