Rev Joseph C. Ansaldi

BIRTH
17 Jan 1936
Manhattan, New York County (Manhattan), New York, USA

DEATH
12 Nov 2015 (aged 79)
Oakwood, Richmond County (Staten Island), New York, USA

BURIAL
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
Hawthorne, Westchester County, New York, USA

MEMORIAL ID
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Former vicar of Staten Island and principal emeritus of St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi, for almost his entire life in the priesthood, become synonymous with his beloved St. Joseph by-the-Sea, as a teacher, assistant principal, and 27 years as principal.

Named Monsignor in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, the following year he was named as co-vicar for Staten Island by Cardinal John J. O'Connor, a position he maintained until 1998. He stepped down to devote more of his time to Sea, teaching French and German between 2009 and 2011.

In his retirement years, he went on to serve as chaplain at St. Peter’s Boys High School, New Brighton, and St. Joseph Hill Academy, Arrochar, and as a chapel assistant at Monsignor Farrell High School, Oakwood.

Born in and raised in Manhattan, Monsignor Ansaldi was ordained to the priesthood in 1962 in St. Patrick’s Cathedral by Cardinal Francis Spellman. His first assignment as a priest was to Staten Island, where he was in residence at Mount Loretto, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, in Pleasant Plains. He taught for a year and was a dean of the girls’ residence, which was then located on the waterfront side of Hylan Boulevard, across the street from the present site.

He was a history teacher at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, from 1963 until 1978, having previously served as parochial vicar at St. Dominic's Church, also in the Bronx.

He joined the faculty at Sea in 1978, where he taught American history, religion and French. He was named principal in 1982.

Found unresponsive in his room in the rectory of St. Charles Church, Oakwood, where he had resided in last years, he died on Thursday, November 12, 2015 aged 79.

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