



## Fr John A. "Jack" Regh

**BIRTH** 10 Dec 1926  
Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

**DEATH** 5 Feb 2006 (aged 79)  
Price County, Wisconsin, USA

**BURIAL** Catawba Cemetery  
Catawba, Price County, Wisconsin, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 13268014



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Father John Regh was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at the age of 79. He was in the 52nd year of his priesthood. Father Regh was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 10, 1926, the son of John A. and Martha (Murray) Regh. He received his elementary education at Martha Ruggles, St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Peace Schools in Chicago and was graduated from St. Rita High School in Chicago. Father Regh attended Villanova College, Villanova, Penn., and then entered St. John's Seminary, Collegeville, Minn. He was ordained a priest on May 26, 1953 by the Most Reverend Albert G. Meyer, Bishop of Superior in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior.

Father's first appointment was to St. Patrick Parish, Hudson. Subsequent appointments were to: Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior; Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Lake Tomahawk (founder, director, chaplain); St. John Vianney Parish, Lake Tomahawk; St. Francis de Sales, Spooner, St. Joseph, Trego and St. Mary Magdalene, Springbrook. He was appointed assistant chaplain at St. Mary Hospital, Rhinelander. In 1964 he was appointed parochial administrator and then pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Catawba, St. Michael, Kennen and St. John, Prentice. His last assignment was that of pastor at St. Boniface Parish, Chetek, where he served from 1984 until his retirement in June 1993.

In addition to these parish assignments, Father served as regional and associate vocation director and chaplain of the Councils of the Knights of Columbus.

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In gratitude for 25 years of priesthood (1953-1978) Father chose the following Scriptural quotation, "I give thanks to my God in all my remembrance of you, always in my prayers making supplications for you with all joy, because of your association with me in spreading the Gospel of Christ from the first day 'til now (Phil. 1:3-5)" Pray for me!

Years later in a letter to Bishop Raphael Fliss, Father John noted, "I sincerely thank the good Lord for the grace of serving the people of the Church of Superior and four of its Bishops. I will pray for all of them in the Mass celebrations remaining to me, hoping that a few might remember me in their prayer."

Father John is survived by the priests of the diocese and many friends.

The funeral visitation was held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Catawba, on Wednesday, February 8. Visitation continued at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day at 11 a.m. with Bishop Raphael M. Fliss as celebrant and Father James J. Jackson as homilist. Many fellow Priests attended to concelebrate.

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