



Fr Henry Hall

BIRTH 16 Apr 1925
Ballymacoda, County Cork, Ireland

DEATH 20 Jul 2005 (aged 80)
Escondido, San Diego County, California, USA

BURIAL Saint Peters Catholic Cemetery
Fresno, Fresno County, California, USA

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In 1992, Hall retired and moved to Escondido. He continued to minister to North County Catholics, holding mass in numerous churches in the area, including St. Mark's Church in San Marcos, Mission San Luis Rey in Comandada and St. John's Catholic Church in Escondido. After five years in Escondido, Hall moved west to an apartment in Encinitas.

Recalling time spent with his uncle, Vincent Hall said he learned many simple lessons: "Lessons he carried with him today. 'One of the things he liked to say was, 'It takes us about three years to learn to speak, and about 83 years to learn not to.'"

After his uncle passed away, Vincent Hall said he discovered evidence of the lives he touched inside his Encinitas apartment. "I've had the job, over the last three days, of going into his apartment. Every room of his apartment has a neat pile of correspondence from not just every part of North County, but the whole nation and the world. Not one of them was more than a year old."

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