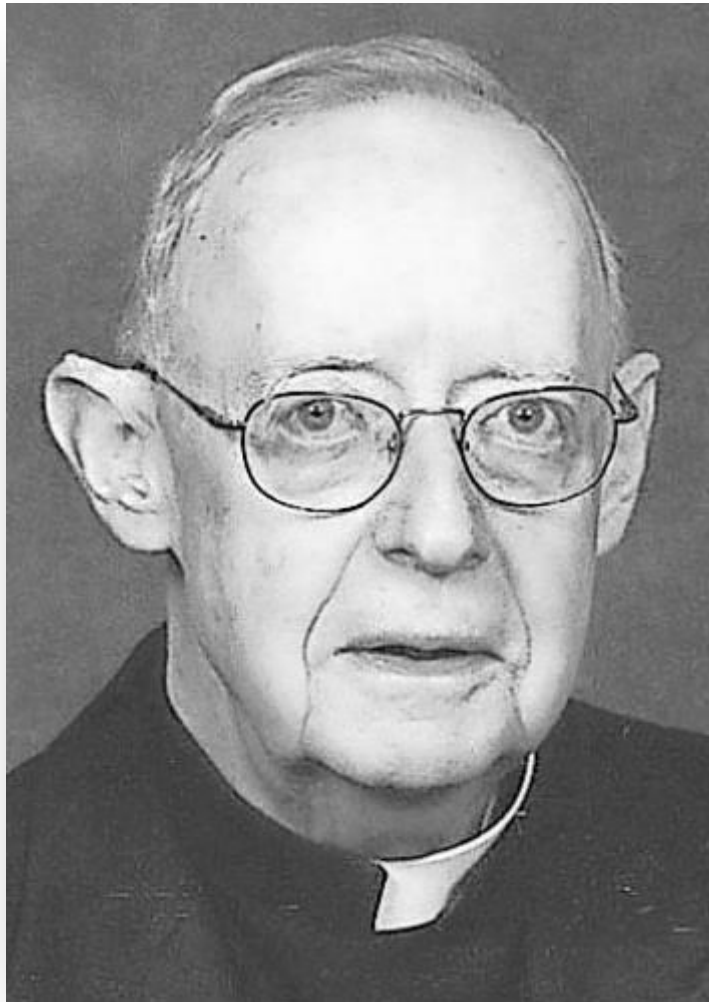


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STEPHEN KILCARR OBITUARY

Fr. Stephen M. Kilcarr A spiritual and athletic legend at Seton Hall Prep, coached baseball team to state titles and championships, Porcello dugout now bears his name, 86 Father Stephen M. Kilcarr, 86, who last spring celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and was a beloved fixture at Seton Hall Prep for more than 55 years as a spiritual counselor, athletic director, baseball coach, and supporter of all Prep activities, passed away on June 22, 2017. Visitation for Father Kilcarr will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Church of St. Joseph, 44 Benvenue Ave., West Orange, N.J., with a Vigil Mass to follow at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Wednesday, June 28, from 9 to 10 a.m., with a Funeral Mass to follow at 10:30 a.m., at The Church of St. Joseph. Interment will take place at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah, N.J. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Dangler Funeral Home of West Orange, 340 Main St., West Orange, N.J. 07052. While teaching in the theology department during his long career, and while taking on the role of spiritual advisor for



game of baseball are the stuff of Prep lore, and have had an enormous effect on thousands of Prep students across the decades. Father K. was a graduate of St. Cecilia's High School, Englewood, N.J., where he played three years of varsity baseball. He attained a bachelor of arts degree from Seton Hall University before moving on to Immaculate Conception Seminary. Father K. was ordained into the priesthood on May 26, 1956. He served St. Joseph's Parish from June of 1956 to September of 1968. In that same year, he began his ministry to the students at Seton Hall Prep, where he also received an honorary diploma in 1993. Father taught theology for over 30 years, and made a huge impact on the athletic program, serving as a baseball coach, moderator (1968 to 1969), and athletic director (1969 to 1974). He was also chaplain to the football and hockey team. His love of baseball brought him first to join Tony Verducci's staff (1969 to 1974), and then to take over as head coach (1974 to 1986). During this time that Father K. served as an assistant and head coach, the Prep celebrated as state champions in 1969, 1970, 1977, as Greater Newark Tournament Champions in 1971, 1983, and as Iron Hills Champions in 1983, 1984, and 1986. Fr. Kilcarr was inducted into SHP Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. He also coached the freshman baseball team from 1987 to 2016. Father was also very active in Essex County C.Y.O. basketball, baseball, and track. On June 4 of this year, the dugout on Porcello Field at the Kelly Athletic Center was dedicated to him in gratitude for his skill, wisdom, spirit, and love for the game, and for Seton Hall Prep's players and students. Father Kilcarr served as moderator of the Fathers' Club and also met with freshman students each year to conduct a spiritual review. He attended almost all school activities, and you would hear his voice on the phone wishing you a happy birthday or happy anniversary. Father Kilcarr is survived by six nieces and two nephews, several great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Doris Kilcarr. In lieu of flowers, donations in Father Kilcarr's name may be made to Seton Hall Prep, 120 Northfield Ave., West Orange, N.J. 07052, and St. Joseph Church, 44 Benvenue Ave., West Orange, N.J. 07052. Letters of condolence may be posted at danglerfuneralhomeofwestorange.com. Published by The Star-Ledger from Jun. 25 to Jun. 27, 2017.



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