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# THOMAS PHELAN



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## THOMAS PHELAN OBITUARY

**R**ev. Thomas Joseph Phelan Born June 20, 1926 in San Francisco, CA, passed away ×  
at the age of 85 at Mt. St. Vincent in Seattle, WA on June 12, 2012. He moved from San Francisco, CA into the Western WA area 68 years ago, and has been a resident of Federal Way, WA since March 1, 2011. He was educated at St. Thomas Seminary in 1944 and North American College in Rome, and then was ordained in Seattle, WA in 1953. Fr. Thomas worked at the Archdiocese of Seattle and retired in 1991. He was a Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas in Camas, Christ the King in Seattle, St. Ann's in Tacoma, and Our Lady of Lourdes in Seattle. In retirement, he helped pastors from Bellingham to Vancouver. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as Chaplain for Serra Club of Tacoma before moving to Vancouver in 1999. Favorite pastimes of his were reading, bridge, especially enjoyed dinner with friends, travelling, tennis in his earliest years, and giving classes. He was preceded in death by his parents Basil and Norma Phelan. He is survived by his brother Harry Phelan, nephew Tom Phelan, and niece Monica Phelan. A Rosary/Vigil Service will be recited Thursday, June 21, 2012, 7:30 pm at Gaffney Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, June 22, 2012, 10:00 am, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Tacoma, WA. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle, WA. Please leave online condolences at [www.gaffneycares.com](http://www.gaffneycares.com). Arrangements by Gaffney Funeral Home, 253-572-6003.

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I have known Father Phelan since he was associate pastor in 1954. He was a kind and sensitive man who was deeply committed to the church and those under his



care. He strove for perfection in all things. He loved the outdoors and was patient with those who had problems keeping up with his skiing expertise. He challenged people to be their best self. God Bless and reward you Father Tom for your service to Him and all of us.

**Jeanette Renner-Hemmen**

June 25, 2012

What a great friend, priest, guest, host, advisor, traveler and human being. We have enjoyed his company many times before he left Seattle, skiing, hiking, sharing meals, and traveling. I am sure that God has a good rest in store for him.

**Tom Hemmen**

June 23, 2012

Father Phelan baptized me, gave me my first communion, and helped me become the person I am today. He is an awesome man and will always have a place in my heart. Thank you Father Phelan! Enjoy heaven! My prayers for you and your family. God bless you.

**Lori Hogoboom**

June 22, 2012

Tom was my uncle and friend.  
He was a truly good man.  
I will miss him and remember him fondly.

**Thomas Phelan**

June 21, 2012

Father Tom was a dear friend, we miss his happy laugh and smile.  
All his friends at Bridgewood, Vancouver, WA.

**Howard Family**

June 19, 2012



Father Tom was a very kind man who always wanted the best for those around him. He will be missed.

**Mary Schymeinsky**

June 18, 2012

Father Phelan had a great impact on many students in the South Tacoma area while at St. Ann's school. He will be missed by many former students.

June 17, 2012

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