

**Father Arthur E. Kelly, SVD**

Age 69, of Indianapolis, died December 12, 2004. Father Kelly was born July 18, 1935 in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.

Father Kelly was the sixth of ten children and is survived by one brother Aston Kelly and four sisters, Pearl Wray, Una Clarke, Dorothy Kelley, Elsie Butler and a number of nieces and nephews.

He did his Theology studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. Father Kelly was ordained a Divine Word Missionary priest in 1972 from Divine Word seminar in Techny, IL. He was the Associate pastor at St. Rita Catholic Church with Father John Labauve.

After leaving St. Rita Catholic Church, he was founder and Executive Director of St. Nicholas Youth Ministry for gang members. Arthur always remembered that when he was a child in Jamaica, the caring Nuns taught this song to the children in their charge... "It is better to light just one little candle than to stumble in the dark...if we all say a prayer that the world would be free...what a wonderful dawn that the new day would be."

Arthur's dream was to live a life that would be a journey toward sainthood. Arthur won't be on any conventional lists or books of saints, but to the St. Nicholas Youth Ministry, his friends and family, and especially to me, his sister, he came very, very close.

Arthur ran many programs during the years of his ministry, educating, organizing, and blending spiritually and fun, giving young people direction in the ways of the Lord. His natural positive attitude made him a terrific fund-raiser. I'm sure that a few of my friends from the hospital nursing days are still drinking coffee from the mugs Arthur was selling for the benefit of the Summer Camp. "Friends, I need your help on this one. I need a cup. You need a cup and everybody needs a cup and this is just the cup for you." is the message under the picture of the coffee mug. Who could resist such a cheerful offer? That one little candle that Arthur lit will always provide a lovely glow.

There will be a Vespers Service conducted from St. Rita Catholic Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., with viewing from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 19 for priests and religious women and men. The Wake Prayer Service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. for lay members. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, December 20, with visitation from 8:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass at the church. Burial will follow in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Rita Catholic Church Youth ministry. Arrangements entrusted to **Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, Broad Ripple.**