

Stallings, Father Albert T.

1990, November 18

Date of Birth: 1908, July 8

Msgr. Albert (Pete) Stallings – Two weeks after Dan Fives’ funeral, Pete Stallings died on November 18, 1990. It is hard to realize, but Pete left the Society 45 years ago. Because of this, a few more details are in order.

Born Albert T. Stallings on July 8, 1908, he grew up in Baltimore’s St. Gregory the Great parish where his close friendship with Father (later Bishop) Peter L. Ireton won him the nickname “Pete.” He studied at St. Charles as a six-year man with the class of 1929. After three years as a Basselin student, he completed his theology at the Sulpician Seminary (later Theological College). Bishop John M. McNamara ordained him for Baltimore on June 9, 1936. After two years in Seattle at St. Edward’s he made his Solitude at St. Charles in 1938-1939. Assigned to the faculty of the College he taught over the years Greek, English, Latin, German, religion, and elocution – whatever his superiors asked him to do. In addition, he moderated the plays and was in charge of athletics. When his requests for a chance to take higher studies were bypassed, he resigned from the Society during the Christmas holidays of 1945. Once again in the archdiocese he served wherever he was assigned. Ten years as assistant to old Fr. Joseph B. Hauck at St. Luke’s in Sparrows Point and then 27 years as founding pastor of St. Clare’s in Essex. He was the first President of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Priests’ Senate, elected by his peers, many of them former students. We rejoiced when he was made a Monsignor in 1982. A year later he retired as pastor and lived at St. Anthony’s until his death. Very appropriately, Pete, who left behind him so many loving priestly memories, was laid to rest on the feast of Our Lady’s Presentation.

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