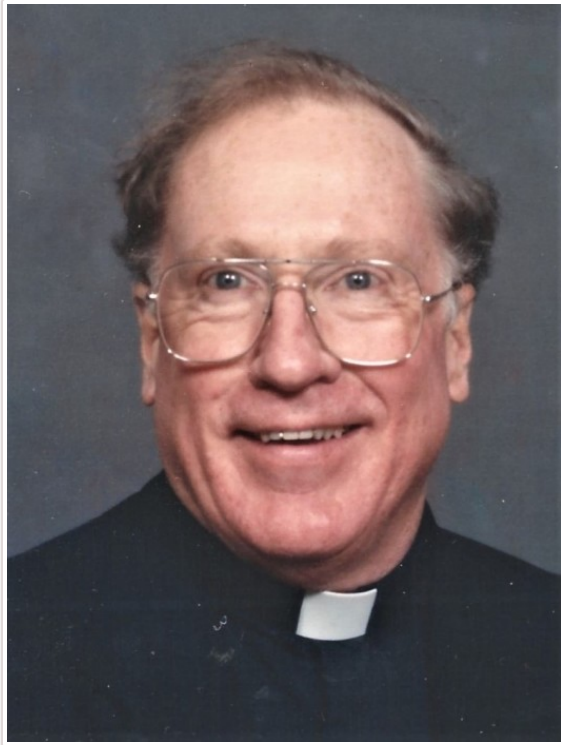


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Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Mountain

August 13, 1927 ~ March 14, 2019 (age 91)



Services

A service summary is not available

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Mountain, 91, of Rochester, MN died on Thursday (March 14, 2019) at Madonna Towers in Rochester, where he had lived since 2008.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Msgr. Mountain at 2:00 P.M. on Monday (March 18, 2019) at the Co-Cathedral of St. Johns the Evangelist in Rochester. Officiating will be Most Reverend John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona-Rochester and the priests of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Visitation for family and friends will be 1 hr. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Rochester.

Joseph William Mountain was born on August 13, 1927 in Mankato, MN to Thomas and Margaret (Norton) Mountain. He grew up in Mankato, MN where he attended parochial school, Loyola H.S. and graduated from Loras Academy in Dubuque, IA. Joe attended Loras College from 1944 to 1948 receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Classics. He then entered the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He was ordained on May 1, 1952 at Good Counsel Convent in Mankato by the Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald. Msgr. Mountain's assignments as Parochial Vicar were at Sts. Peter and Paul in Blue Earth, St. John the Evangelist in Rochester and St. Joseph the Worker in Mankato. As Pastor, he served at St. Rose of Lima in Avoca, St. Mary in Lake Wilson, St. Columban in Preston, St. Mary in Winona, St. John the Evangelist in Rochester, St. John Baptist de la Salle in Dodge Center, Holy Family in Kasson, Sacred Heart in Hayfield and Sacred Heart in Waseca. Other notable assignments include teaching religion and social studies at Lourdes H.S. in Rochester; Parochial Administrator for St. Bernard in Stewartville, St. Mary in Lake City, St. Ignatius in Spring Valley and St. Mary in Ellsworth; Regional Episcopal Vicar; Dean for the Mankato deanery; Moderator for the Council of Catholic Women and member of the College of Consultors. After joining the rank of senior priests on August 1, 1995 he served as Priest Moderator for St. Teresa in Mapleton, St. Matthew in Vernon Center and St. Joseph in Good Thunder. Fr. Mountain was presented as a Monsignor candidate by Bishop John Vlazny and became Msgr. Mountain on Dec. 5, 1997. He lived on Cannon Lake in Faribault for a number of years. Fr. Joe enjoyed reading, traveling, including many trips overseas, boating and was a die-hard Vikings fan.



Fr. Joe is survived by cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother – John Mountain.

Memorials are suggested to the Priest's Retirement Fund in the Winona-Rochester Diocese. Arrangements are with Griffin-Gray F.H. in Stewartville, MN. On-line condolences and memories of Msgr. Mountain are welcome at www.griffin-gray.com.

Guest Book



A candle was lit by **Patricia(Coutre) Davies and family** on March 20, 2019 5:42 PM

Sincere condolences to family and friends of Father Joseph Mountain.

Message from **Carrie (Nelson) Berg**

March 20, 2019 8:37 AM

As a child in elementary school at St. Mary's in Winona, I loved Fr. Mountain. He seemed so tall to me, a true "mountain" of a man. And yet, he would sit on the floor of the altar during our class mass, and gather the 30 of us 2nd graders close to tell his story (aka sermon). Fr. Mountain, you will be missed.

Message from **DW**

March 19, 2019 3:36 PM

To the Family, so sorry for your loss. Hope you will be comforted in knowing that Joseph has the prospect of being resurrected, healthy (in the flesh), to Paradise Earth just as Jehovah God has promised. In fact , the vast majority will enjoy everlasting life right here on earth as God had intended from the beginning. God's Kingdom will do this under the rule of Jesus Christ. READ John 5:28, 29, Job 14:14, 15, Psalms 37:29, Matthew 6:9,10, Matthew 5:5 and Revelation 21:2-4 Go To: JW.ORG

Message from **janyce rathke meyers**

March 18, 2019 6:16 PM

Rest in peace Father Mountain. You were a great friend to our family when we needed it the most. I will forever remember your kindness and compassion.

Message from **Mark Reps**

March 17, 2019 3:39 PM

I was an altar boy for Father Mountain in Spring Valley, MN. One of his relatives, also a Fr Mountain married my parents in Roscoe, MN in 1947. I have fond remembrances of him as a priest and family friend. May he be with God.

Message from **Mary Clare Kenan Doran**

March 16, 2019 9:37 PM

A great Shepherd of the flock. Warm personality, fantastic memory.

Message from **Sandi Hibbard**

March 16, 2019 7:22 PM

Father Joe lived next to my parents for years in Faribault and he became part of our family. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was such a joy to be around.

Rest in Peace.

Message from **Peg and Steve Breiter**

March 16, 2019 3:24 PM

Fr. Joe served us at St. Teresa's in Mapleton for a number of years when our children were young. Because Steve and I were always up front singing, our kids sat in the front pew, directly in front of Fr. He teased them from his chair on the altar every week, and would encourage them to throw a ball (which they had inevitably brought along) during the readings. His silly antics gave our kids one more reason to come to church on Sundays!



May perpetual light shine upon him!

Message from **Maureen (Lawler) Watson**

March 16, 2019 10:33 AM

God Rest Your soul you were a great teacher. You will be missed