

Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Norton of the Camden Diocese

Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Norton, age 63, of the Diocese of Camden dedicated three decades of his life to the poor in Brazil died suddenly Oct. 22, 2002 in a hospital in Goiania, Brazil. Msgr. Dan had served as pastor in Santa Helena, Brazil before being transferred to Goiania where he served as the spiritual director for two seminaries, one in Santa Helena and the other in Goiania. Msgr. Dan worked in Brazil 33 years at St. Joseph Parish.

Msgr. Norton was first assigned to the Brazilian missions beginning in Nov. 11, 1975. He returned briefly to the diocese in 1984 and served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Berlin, NJ as associated pastor. He returned to Brazil July 2, 1990.

Msgr. Norton was born March 28, 1939 in Philadelphia. He attended Mother of the Savior Seminary in Blackwood and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary at Niagara University, Niagara and Albany and was ordained a priest May 22, 1965, he was named Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II on June 11, 2000.

Prior to his work in the Brazilian missions, his assignments included St. Ann Church in Wildwood, 1975; Mary Mother of the Church, Bellmawr, 1972-1975; St. Edward Church, Pine Hill, 1971 and Gloucester Catholic High School, 1965-1972 where he taught math and drama and put on the plays.

Surviving are one sister Mary Patricia (Austin A.) Meehan of Philadelphia, one brother John H. (Emma B.) Norton of Williamstown, sister-in-law Juanita Norton of Cape Coral, Fla., 17 nieces and nephews and 21 great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Thomas F. and Margaret A. (nee Hawthorne) Norton and his brother Thomas F. Norton Jr.

Msgr. Norton will lay in state on Wednesday Oct. 30 from 2-7:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 178 W. White Horse Pk. Berlin. His Excellency Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate Mass of Jesus Christ the High Priest at 8 p.m. A viewing will also be on Thursday 9:00-10:15 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. at our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Interment will be in Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin.

Donations in Msgr. Norton's memory may be made to the Brazilian Missions c/o Mrs. Mary P. Meehan 1005 Twist Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19115.

—Arrangements by NORTON
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WILLIAMSTOWN, 728-2800.