



Reverend Louis J. Kolenkiewicz

Rev. Louis J. Kolenkiewicz, died peacefully on Sept. 17, 2025 surrounded by his family in Darby, PA. Beloved son of Louis S. Kolenkiewicz (Nancy) and the late Margaret Krenslak Kolenkiewicz, Uncle of the late Courtney Kolenkiewicz. Brother of Thomas J. Kolenkiewicz, Sr. (Navy), Angela DeVos (Dean), Catherine DeGregorio (Rob) also survived by his nieces and nephews, Thomas Kolenkiewicz Jr. (Giavanna), Jacob DeVos (Emily), Kevin McBride, Hannah McBride, Robbie DeGregorio, Marisa DeGregorio and many great nieces and nephews.

Born in Philadelphia, Fr. Kolenkiewicz was brought up in the Catholic faith and realized his vocation to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ while a parishioner and student at Our Lady of Calvary Catholic Church and school. Fr. Kolenkiewicz graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School (Class of '85) and subsequently enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, PA. , where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. Fr. Kolenkiewicz was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ on May 15, 1993 in the Cathedral Basilica of St.

Peter and Paul. He celebrated his First Mass at Saint Laurentius Catholic Church – the Parish in which his parents were raised and his ancestors helped to found.

He served in a variety of ministries within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, most recently as Chaplain to the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at the Convent of Divine Love before his medical retirement. Fr. Kolenkiewicz had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary that was likely cultivated in him by the loving example and piety of his maternal grandmother, Catherine Krenslak. Fr. Lou was a great friend to the Philadelphia Carmel, Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, and Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Cresson, PA. Additionally, Fr. Kolenkiewicz belonged to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and was Chaplain to the Cavaliere della Mercede (Knights of Mercy).

He is warmly remembered for his devotion to his vocation, family and friends, his ready wit, comforting smile, and the ever-present twinkle in his eyes. He inspired countless family, friends, parishioners, and those whom he served to draw near to and embrace the Cross of Jesus Christ and entrust themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His life, especially in his later years, embodied an abandonment and trustful surrender to Divine Providence.

Clergy, relatives and friends are invited to the Reception of his Body on Wednesday September 24, 2025 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Calvary Church 11024 Knights Rd. Phila. PA, his visitation will be from 9:30 am until his Concelebrated Funeral Mass at 11:30 am. Most Reverend Efren V. Esmilla principal celebrant. Homilist will be Msgr. George A. Mojos. Interment Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Philadelphia.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions made to the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. 866 Cambria Street Cresson, Pennsylvania 16630

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