
FATHER PAOLO BAGATTINI, CSS ST. GASPAR BERTONI AWARD

For distinguished service of an Italian to the Church.



Born in Verona, Italy to Aldo and Mariannina, Paolo Bagattini attended local schools and later was commissioned a lieutenant in the Italian Army Cold Weather Division (Alpino) in 1962. Following a brief stint in business, he entered the Stigmatine Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1971. Before coming to the United States, Father Paolo served in missionary territories on four continents in places as diverse as France, Brazil, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, India, Thailand, and the Philippines. In 2016 he came to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church where he ministers to members of the parish in a number of capacities including as chaplain to the St. Padre Pio Chapter of the Sons & Daughters of Italy.

This award commemorates St. Gaspar Bertoni, founder of the Stigmatine Fathers, distinguished for his pastoral work among the youth and spiritual counsel. The Stigmatine Fathers have served the Italian community in Springfield since the founding of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in 1907.

