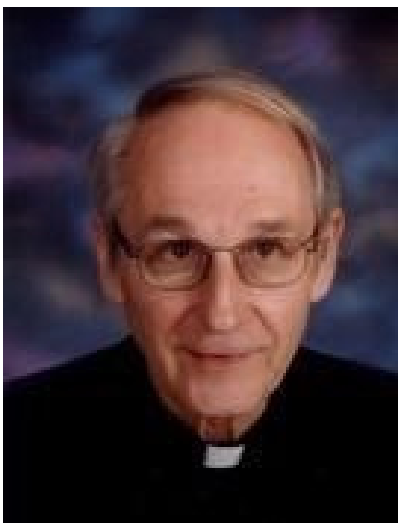


In Memoriam



FATHER THOMAS J. LEYLAND

Father Thomas Leyland, 82, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Friday December 4, 2020.

Father Thomas James Leyland, age 82, of Perrysburg, Ohio passed away on Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Ursuline Center in Toledo, Ohio. He was born on March 11, 1938 in Toledo, Ohio to James and Veronica (Ragan) Leyland. As a child, Father Tom attended St. Rose Catholic School and later graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1956. He furthered his studies at the University of Detroit by earning his Bachelor's Degree in French and a Master's Degree in Education and English from Xavier University.

Father Tom attended Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West and on May 29, 1965 he was ordained in the Rosary Cathedral in Toledo by Bishop George Rehring. Upon being ordained, he had many assignments: from 1965 – 1968 he was the Assistant Pastor at Saint Peter Parish, Mansfield; 1968 – 1970 the Assistant Pastor at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Toledo; in 1970 he attended Graduate Studies at the St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO; 1970 – 1975 was an instructor at Cardinal Stritch High School; 1975 – 1977 the Pastor at Community of the Risen Christ, Toledo; 1977 – 1985 the Pastor at Holy Rosary Parish, Toledo; 1985 –1999 the Pastor at Saint Aloysius Parish, Bowling Green; 1999 – 2007 the Pastor at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Perrysburg, and achieved Senior Status on July 1, 2007. Throughout his ministry he was known for his dedication and faithfulness to the Church and the parishioners that he dearly loved and served.

After retirement, Father Tom helped extensively with the Notre Dame Sisters and also at St. Rose Catholic Church. He enjoyed crosswords, watching baseball, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Father Tom is survived by his siblings, Judith Miller Garn (G. Joseph Jr), James (Kathleen), Daniel (Colette) and Lawrence (Margaret), sister-in-law, Diane Leyland and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William; sister, Sharon (Deane) Sherman; nephew, Philip Miller; and many aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday December 11, 2020, at St. Rose Church with the Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, presiding. A private burial followed in St. Rose Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the James A. and Veronica G. Leyland Scholarship Fund at St. Rose Schools.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*