

Rev. Patrick C. Walsh, C.S.C.
March 13, 1930-Dec. 13, 2013

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Rev. Patrick Coleman Walsh, C.S.C., 83, died Friday evening (Dec. 13, 2013) at Holy Cross House.

He was born on March 13, 1930, in Portland, Maine, to Patrick and Mary (Coyne), the ninth of 10 children. He attended Cheverus Jesuit High School in Portland. After his sophomore year, he decided to enter the Congregation of Holy Cross. Walsh's first 34 years with Holy Cross were as a brother. At age 16, Walsh attended the Postulate at Valatie, N.Y., and then St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Ind. He was received into the Congregation on Aug. 15, 1947; professed First Vows on Aug. 16, 1948; and made his Final Vows on Aug. 16, 1952. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in that same year.

Before making his Final Vows, Walsh taught at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Conn., in 1951 for one year. He then went on to teach and work in administration at the Vincentian Institute in Albany, N.Y., for 10 years. While at Vincentian he also worked on his master's degree at Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y., from 1958 to 1962. After receiving his degree, Walsh went to Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., where he taught and also served as assistant principal and director of studies; he served there until 1967. Walsh then returned to Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn., as principal and worked there from 1967 to 1975. In 1975, he received a certificate of advanced study from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. Walsh went to Rome in 1976 to serve as assistant headmaster at Notre Dame International School for three years.

In 1979, he traveled to Toronto to begin theology studies for the priesthood with Holy Cross' English Canadian Province; he attended The University of St. Michael College for three years. Fr. Walsh transferred to the English Canadian Province in 1980 and was ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 1981. He was assigned as pastor of St. Ann Parish in Toronto from 1982 to 1985. From 1985 to 1986, he taught at Cathedral Boys High School, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. In 1986, Fr. Walsh returned to the United States to work as a guidance counselor at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md. In 1993, Fr. Walsh became the vicar at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Bennington, Vt. He helped with the parish merger of Sacred Heart, in North Bennington, and Saint Francis de Sales in 1995 before being assigned to Most Holy Trinity Parish in Saco, Maine. Fr. Walsh then transferred from the English Canadian Province to the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers in 1995. In 2008, Fr. Walsh returned to Vermont to serve as the administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in North Bennington. Fr. Walsh moved to the Holy Cross Community at North Dartmouth, Mass., in 2011, and later moved to Holy Cross House in 2012.

Both of Fr. Walsh's parents are deceased. He is survived by his brother John, who still lives in Portland, Maine, and many nieces and nephews.

The Visitation is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 19, 2013) at the Chapel of Mary on the campus of Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.). The Wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Friday (Dec. 20, 2013) at the Chapel of Mary with committal immediately following at the Holy Cross community cemetery on Stonehill's campus.

Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements in South Bend, Ind.; Kane Funeral Home handled arrangements in Easton, Mass.

Memorial contributions in support of the mission and ministries of the Congregation of Holy Cross can be made to: United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Office of Development, P.O. Box 765, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0765 or online at donate.holycrossusa.org.