



Rev. Francis X. Moan, SJ

February 19, 1927 - April 17, 2020

Remembering Fr. Francis X. Moan, SJ, beloved teacher, minister and advocate for refugees

Rev. Francis X. Moan, SJ, was born in Baltimore, MD., on February 19, 1927. He graduated from Loyola Blakefield High School and entered the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues in Wernersville, PA in 1945. He attended Spring Hill College in Alabama where he received his degree in English. He also received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Woodstock College in Maryland and later a Doctorate in Education from Columbia Teacher's College in New York. He was ordained a priest on June 23, 1957

Following ordination, Fr. Moan began teaching Latin, Greek and religion at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, where he would remain for ten years. He also served as superior of the Ferdinand Farmer House his final two years there. After completing his Doctorate in Education in 1971, Fr. Moan became Headmaster at his alma mater, Loyola Blakefield in Baltimore. He served for three years before becoming Assistant Dean for a year at Saint Joseph's University and then Headmaster at Xavier High School in Cincinnati for another three years.

Following a brief assignment at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C. as Parochial Vicar and director of religious education, while also contributing as an editor for the National Jesuit News, Fr. Moan became Chaplain for the Georgetown University Law School. In 1983, still in Washington, he began a four-year tenure as the coordinator of the American Refugee Project. He also

started serving as the superior of the Jesuit community on K Street, remaining in that role for six years.

In the 90's, Fr. Moan continued his advocacy work for refugees, serving as the director of "Refugee Voices" at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. Then, in 1998, he moved to Holy Name Church in Camden, NJ, where he served in administrative and pastoral ministries for seven years.

Fr. Moan retired from active ministry in 2005, moving to the Colombiere Jesuit community in Baltimore and then to Manresa Hall in Philadelphia in 2016, praying for the Church and the Society of Jesus. A former student of his from St. Joseph's Prep recently visited to reminisce about his Latin and Greek Classes more than fifty years ago. Fr. Moan commented that, "I hope I was doing God's will when I was teaching you boys."

Fr. Francis X. Moan, SJ died on April 17, 2020 at the age of 93.

Cemetery Details

Interment Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Francis X. Moan, SJ*

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“ *Frank was truly a long-time, beloved family friend. He concelebrated my son Patrick's Baptismal Mass; was the celebrant of my son's Matt's Baptismal Mass; and was my son Kevin's godfather. He concelebrated my wife Patricia's funeral Mass and said many Christmas Eve Masses for us. He was a great priest and better man. Hal Morgan*

Hal Morgan - May 05, 2020 at 09:57 AM