



Rev. Patrick T. Brannan S.J.

July 16, 1932 - January 24, 2017

Rev. Patrick T. Brannan, S.J., beloved professor of the Classics and Philosophy died at age 84.

Father Brannan was born in Philadelphia, PA. on July 16, 1932. He graduated from St. Joseph's Prep and entered the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues in Wernersville, PA in 1950. He received both his B.A. and Licentiate in Philosophy from Loyola Seminary in Shrub Oak, NY, and his Bachelor and Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Woodstock College in Maryland. He was ordained a priest on June 16, 1963. As a Jesuit scholastic, Fr. Brannan taught Latin and Greek at Scranton Prep and the University of Scranton. Following ordination, he taught the Classics at Cambridge University for two years before enrolling at Stanford University where he earned his Ph.D. in the Classics. He then taught Classics for another two years at the University of Scranton and spent a year in pastoral ministry at Fordham University. In 1973, Fr. Brannan went to Cardinal Glennon College in St. Louis where he served as a professor of Philosophy, Greek and French for five years and an associate editor of the Catholic Central Union of America for a year. He taught Classical Literature at Gonzaga University for three years and then began an 11 year tenure at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, first as a professor of Classics and Philosophy, and then as the Chairman of Classics and Modern Languages. While working at the Seminary, he also taught the Classics for a year at St. Joseph's University and was the Director of Apostleship of Prayer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for two

years. In 1993, Fr. Brannan traveled to Rome and served for two years at the Jesuit Curia as assistant interpreter. He returned to the States in 1995, teaching Theology and the Classics at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Elmhurst, PA., for four years, and then serving two years as a spiritual director and professor of Classical Languages at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. Fr. Brannan began a series of 1 year assignments in 2001, including parochial vicar at St. Peter's Church in Beaufort, SC, chaplain at St. Joseph Communications in West Covina, CA, and professor of Classics at the College of St. Thomas More in Fort Worth, TX. He then spent four years in pastoral ministry at Loyola Blakefield High School in Baltimore and in 2008 became pastoral minister at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Fr. Brannan died at Manresa Hall Jesuit Community, 261 City Ave., Merion Station, PA on January 24, 2017. He was the son of the late Patrick Brannan and Marie Weare. Reverend clergy, religious, relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Mass on Friday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 128 Bryn Mawr Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004. Friends may call at Manresa Hall (address above) on Thursday, January 26 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. There will also be a viewing on Friday, January 27 in St. Matthias Church (address above) from 9 to 10:15 a.m. with Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, 1600 Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA 19064. Notes of condolence may be sent to Father's sister: Mrs. Evelyn Tarpey, 912 Foss Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila. Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 S. Sproul Road
Springfield, PA 19064

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Patrick T. Brannan S.J.*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *I am very sorry to read of the passing of Father Brannan. Although I did not know him personally, I well remember his eulogy of his brother Tom. His passing brings back so many memories of Tom and Love Pharmacy. Marie Rice (Michael Holahan's Mom). Please accept my prayers and sympathy.*

Marie Rice - January 27, 2017 at 07:25 AM



Rest in peace, Father Pat. Our prayers are with you!!

-Trudy Sauvageau

Trudy Sauvageau - May 04, 2017 at 04:13 PM



Fr. Brannan was my spiritual director in seminary and I am forever grateful for his wisdom and guidance. I still rely on the advice and direction he gave me.

James Riester

James Riester - July 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM