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Rev. Paul Bianchi - 70

Nov. 28, 1936 - Nov. 26, 2007

Father Paul Bianchi was born Nov. 28, 1936 in Omaha, NE to Louis and Mary (Surber) Bianchi. He had been a member of the Benedictine Order for many years both at Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, and later at St. Pius X Abbey in Pevely, MO. He joined the Diocese of Des Moines in 1991 and served at St. Pius X in Urbandale, IA, St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, IA, St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, IA, St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, IA, and Sts. Peter and Paul in Atlantic, IA.

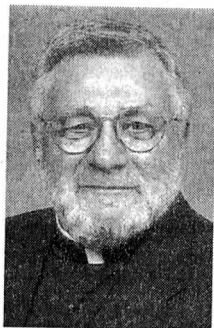
For many years he was the assistant to the bishop of the diocese and served as vicar for priests and diocesan archivist. Father Paul's final assignment before retirement was pastor of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, IA.

Father Paul Bianchi died on November 26, 2007, in Las Vegas, NV, having attained the age of seventy years, eleven months, and twenty-nine days. He had been serving as rector of the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer since his retirement from priestly ministry in the Diocese of Des Moines in 2004.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Louis, and his sisters Mary Louise Lyons and Beverly Jean Hartman. He is survived by his sister Suzanne and her husband Ron Mahoney, Council Bluffs, IA, nieces and nephews, other family members, and many friends.

A memorial service was held at the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer in Las Vegas on December 4, 2007.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, IA, with Celebrant Bishop Joseph L. Charron and Concelebrants Msgr. Stephen Orr and Rev. John Dorton performing the 10:30 AM service. Inurnment was held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, IA.



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