



*I am the resurrection and the life*



## REV. COSMO MILITELLO

Born: June 14, 1934

Ordained a Priest: May 3, 1960

Born to Eternal Life: July 22, 2010

Funeral Mass held at SACRED HEART CHURCH

Monday, July 26, 2010                      11:00 A.M.

Interment at QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

Grave 1 Lot 22 Block 19 Section 34

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## **ARCHDIOCESAN PRIEST, REV. COSMO MILITELLO, DIES Pastor for Many Years at Melrose Park Parish**

**Chicago, IL (July 23, 2010)** - Fr. Cosmo Militello, pastor for over 20 years of Sacred Heart Parish in Melrose Park, died Thursday, July 22, at St. Benedict Home in Niles. He was 76 years old and earlier this year celebrated his 50th year of priesthood.

Fr. Militello was a first generation Italian American and a Chicago native. He attended Our Lady of the Angels school on the city's northwest side, and graduated from St. Angela School, Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary and the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary. Albert Cardinal Meyer ordained him in 1960.

For his first 12 years as a priest, Fr. Militello served as assistant pastor at two parishes in the western suburbs, St. Simeon in Bellwood (1960-66) and Sacred Heart Parish in Melrose Park (1966-73). For seven years beginning in 1973, Fr. Militello was the associate pastor at St. Andrew Parish on the north side before returning to the western suburbs, where he spent the remainder of his ministry.

Fr. Militello served briefly as associate pastor of St. Priscilla Parish on Chicago's northwest side before being named pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Melrose Park in 1981. He served there for 23 years until his retirement in 2004, when he was named pastor emeritus.

A wake for Fr. Militello took place from 4 to 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 819 North 16th Avenue in Melrose Park, on Sunday, July 25. Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, was the main celebrant at the funeral Mass for Fr. Militello at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 26, at Sacred Heart. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. Fr. Militello is survived by his brother, Joseph and Anna Marie Militello .

### **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

**\*Due to the flood damage at the rectory to office computers, phones, and other electronics, there is no bulletin this week.  
Thank you for your understanding.**