

Rev. Anton P. Morgenroth, C.S.Sp.

Fr. Anton P. Morgenroth, C.S.Sp. was born July 2, 1912 in Berlin, Germany. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1936 and in August 1943 he professed final vows at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT. He was ordained there on March 8, 1945.

Father began his life-long service first as a missionary in East Africa, where he taught in the Spiritan District of Kilimanjaro. Later in the U.S. he served as chaplain and professor in the Theology Department at Duquesne University for fourteen years. He spoke several languages and authored four books on religion and spirituality. He taught Theology and Philosophy at St. Pius X Seminary in Covington, KY and also continued to assist with parish ministry in Nebraska and Arkansas until after his retirement in 1994. For reasons of health he was assigned to the Spiritan retirement community at Casa Laval in Hemet, CA where he died on Saturday, January 24, 2004. Mass of Resurrection was held on January 29 in Our Lady of the Valley Church in Hemet. Burial followed in the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers cemetery there.