

OBITUARY – Rev. J. Gerald Walsh, C.S.Sp.

REV. J. GERALD WALSH, C.S.Sp.

Rev. J. Gerald Walsh, C.S.Sp., 88, of Bethel Park, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Sunday, November 7, 2004.

Father Walsh was born May 13, 1916 in Huntingdon, Quebec. He made his vows in the Congregation of the Holy Spirit on October 15, 1938, in Fribourg, Switzerland, and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 19, 1942. His first assignment in 1943 was to Holy Ghost Parish in North Tiverton, RI. He taught at St. Mary's Seminary, Ridgefield CT (1945-50), then was appointed Academic Vice President of Duquesne University and Professor in the Philosophy Department until 1966, when he began teaching at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Bethel Park, PA. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Duquesne University (1950-1971) and also served as Chairman of the Board in the last years of his membership. He was named a General Councilor for the Congregation and served at the General Headquarters in Rome (1974-1980). He then served for a short term in Puerto Rico before returning to Duquesne University as Interim Coordinator for the Institute for World Concerns. 1982 found him back in Rome serving in the General Secretariat as Archivist until 1987. He returned to the Provincialate in Bethel Park and served as Treasurer of the community for five years. He spent his retirement days at Duquesne University, Spiritan Hall, Bensalem, and has been a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 1998.

Son of the late James and Mary (Finn) survivors include nephews, Robert Walsh, William and James Courtney and nieces Mary Louise Straw and Sandi Walsh.

There will be viewing in the Chapel at The Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park on Thursday, November 11 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. where Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow in the Holy Spirit Fathers plot at St. Mary Cemetery, O'Hara Twp., Pittsburgh.

In memory of Father Walsh donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Spirit Fathers, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102.