

Fr. Joseph Louis DUFFY 77 USA

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+Dec. 26, 1983 Philadelphia

Philadelphia police inspector John J. Duffy had four sons who joined the Spiritans. Joseph was one of them, the others being Edward, William and Francis. Joseph entered Cornwells in 1923, pronounced his first vows in Ridgefield Aug. 15, 1928, and did his senior studies in Ferndale. He was also ordained there Sept. 3, 1933.

His first appointment took him back to Ridgefield to assist the novice master. In 1937 he became bursar at Ferndale, and two years later he got the same function in Cornwells. There he stayed for 14 years.

In 1953 he joined the DU community as its bursar while also teaching a few religion classes, becoming community superior in 1956. Six years later he assumed the same function in the Spiritan house of Washington, D. C.

Illness forced him to resign in 1968 and he went to St. Joseph Home, Philadelphia, on leave. As he regained some strength, he began to assist its director in his work. He celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest there in 1982, and died the following year. Interment took place in the Cornwells community cemetery.

Father Joe was a quiet and unassuming but zealous priest and a most faithful religious who went through life almost unnoticed.

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