

Rev. Norman E. Bevan, C.S.Sp. – Death Notice

Rev. Norman E. Bevan, C.S.Sp., a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died January 5, 2004 of respiratory failure.

Father Bevan was born July 6, 1937 in Buffalo, New York. On August 22, 1958 he made his vows in Ferndale, CT and was ordained to the priesthood there September 22, 1963. He studied at the Gregorian University and received a Doctorate in Moral Theology from the Academia Alfonsiana in Rome in 1970.

Fr. Bevan taught briefly at Duquesne University and at St. Paul's Seminary in Kipalapala, Tanzania. He served as the Holy Spirit Fathers formation director at Catholic Theological Union 1973-1980, when he was appointed to the General Council of the Congregation at their international headquarters in Rome. He served in that capacity until 1985, when he was elected Provincial Superior of the USA-East Province of the Spiritans, a position he held for three consecutive terms until 1994. He was appointed president of Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, (1995-1999) when he was appointed Superior of Libermann Hall, (1999-2003) the Spiritans retirement home in Bethel Park, PA. He was a member of the faculty at Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem, PA at the time of his death.

Son of the late Edward and Catherine Coughlin Bevan, Father Bevan is survived by his cousins, Arthur Bevan of Otley, England, Marjorie Murphy of Orchard Park, NY and Sally Campbell, New Canaan, CT.

There will be viewing Thursday, January 8 from 4:00PM – 9:00 PM in the Chapel of Holy Ghost Prep School, 2429 Bristol Pike, Bensalem PA, where Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Friday January 9 at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow in the Holy Spirit Fathers' cemetery there.

A Memorial Mass will take place 7:00 PM Monday, January 12 in the Chapel at Bethel Animation Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park.

In memory of Fr. Bevan, 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.