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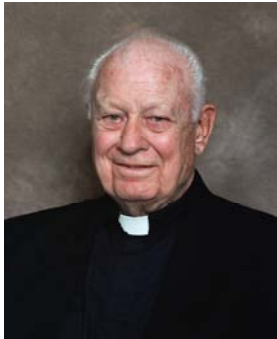
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Obituary

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Diocesan Priest of 66 years passes away



COLUMBUS - The Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J. Corcoran passed away August 31, 2009, at The Villas at St. Therese Assisted Living Facility, Columbus.

The son of Lawrence and Jesse (Looker) Corcoran, Monsignor Corcoran was born December 28, 1916, in Columbus, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Walter and John Corcoran, sister-in-law Margaret (Stecher) and brother-in-law Charles Meteer. He is survived by his sister Mary (Rita) Meteer, along with many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Monsignor Corcoran earned a bachelor's degree from St. Charles Seminary, Columbus; and a master's degree in social work from the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He also studied theology at Mt. St. Mary of the West Seminary, Norwood, Ohio; and social administration at The Ohio State University. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 17, 1943, by the Most Reverend James J. Hartley at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus. In 1957, he was named a Monsignor when the Holy Father Pius XII bestowed upon him the honor of Papal Chamberlain; Pope John Paul II bestowed the honor of Protonotary Apostolic on Monsignor Corcoran in 1995.

Monsignor Corcoran's assignments included assistant pastor, St. Joseph Cathedral (1943-45); assistant in the Chancery (1944-45); assistant director, Camp St. Joseph, Lockbourne, Ohio

(1944); assistant director of Diocese of Columbus Catholic Charities (1947-60); assistant pastor, St. John the Baptist, Columbus (1947); assistant pastor, Our Lady of Victory, Columbus (1950); chaplain, St. Ann's Hospital, Columbus (1950-65); spiritual moderator, Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses (1951); chaplain, Student Nurses of Columbus (1953); director, Diocese of Columbus Catholic Charities (1960-65); executive secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington, D.C. (1965-82); interim administrator, Good Shepherd Manor, Wakefield, Ohio (1985); executive director, Foundation of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus (1986-88). During retirement, Monsignor Corcoran was in residence with assistance in the pastoral care at Our Lady of Victory Church (1985-87) and Holy Cross Church (1987-2009) while also serving as Spiritual Advisor to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District Council of Columbus (1985-2009).

Calling hours will be Thursday, September 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday 2 to 4 p.m. at Egan-Ryan Funeral Home, 403 East Broad Street, Columbus. Father Jerome D. Stluka will preside over a vigil service on Thursday at 8 p.m. Monsignor Corcoran's body will be received at Holy Cross Church, 204 South Fifth St., Columbus at 6 p.m., Friday, September 4, where friends may also call until 8 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will be the principal celebrant and Father Shawn D. Corcoran will offer the homily. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne, Ohio will take place following the funeral liturgy.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Diocese of Columbus, 197 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

