



Father John DeVore

August 22, 1925 - November 22, 2016

Father John Carnegie DeVore, MSFS, a member of the Religious Order of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, USA Vice Province, and retired priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, died on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. He was 91. Father John DeVore was born in Detroit, MI on 22nd August 1925, the son of Ulysses Stanton DeVore and Mae Quinn DeVore. His family soon moved to Chicago, IL, in 1926. He had no sisters. He graduated from Arthur Dixon Elementary School. Sadly his father died at the young age of 52 when John was still schooling in the same Dixon Elementary School. In 1939 John's mother decided to move in with John's grandmother, Annie DeVore. John graduated in 1943 from Hyde Park High School, John had only one older brother, Deacon Robert DeVore, who died in 2015.

John took the exam for specialized training in the army as World War II was going on overseas. Inducted in to US Army Infantry Division at the age of 17, John was assigned to a Quartermaster Unit. Eventually he was assigned to the 66th Signal Repair Co. to repair damaged radios and transmitters. In April 1945 John was sent to Europe on a troop ship. John DeVore was honourably discharged from military service of the United States on 13th April 1946.

After the war in Europe, John returned to US only to find jobs very hard to find and college enrolment just a dream! Finally, John got enrolled at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, IA, and after 2 years the University of Illinois granted him admission for an engineering program. Tears rolled down the cheeks of John when he received the BSEE degree in his hands in 1952. In 1977 his

mother, Annie DeVore, 81, passed away.

Before Electrified Industry shut down in Chicago, in '76, John looked around for another position. Eventually, he received an answer to a blind ad he had answered a year earlier asking him to come to Atlanta, GA, for an interview. Within a month he became the managing editor of Industrial Engineering, a magazine dedicated to the then American Institute of Industrial Engineers. It was interesting work, but not fulfilling. He was restless. Soon he mentioned his plight to his friend Martin Kopchik, whom he had met while working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Patrick's Church, Norcross, GA. He asked if John had looked into the priesthood.

John talked to various Order Priests and the Vocations' Director of the Atlanta Archdiocese, and found he might be accepted into the Religious Order of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, even at age 55. A short time later, he filled out an application to the Superior General of the Order, who was residing in the Mother House in Switzerland. Eventually, he was informed that he would enter the Novitiate that would start on August 15, 1981, in Cheltenham, England.

Important Dates in his Religious Life

- * John DeVore entered the Novitiate of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales on 14th August 1981 at Courtfield St. Mary's, Cheltenham, England.
- * Pronounced his First Religious Profession on 15th August 1983.
- * He made his Perpetual Profession on 15th August 1985 at St. Patrick's Church, Norcross, GA.
- * John was Ordained Priest on 24th January 1986 at St. Patrick's Church, Norcross, GA
- * 1986 : St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville, as Parochial Vicar
- * 1989 : St. Patrick's Church, Norcross, as Parochial Vicar
- * 1993 : Administrator of St. Lawrence Church, Lawrenceville, and as its Pastor
- * 1993 : Retired from St. Lawrence six weeks after becoming its Pastor to reside at Villa Luyet, the MSFS Community House.

Father John is survived by his nephews: Robert DeVore Jr., Joseph John DeVore & Lawrence DeVore, and by his niece: Patricia Grove.

In lieu of flowers donations are requested either to "Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales", 3474 Pate Drive, Snellville, GA 30078, or to "Vincent de Paul Society" at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

The Wake/Vigil service will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 5.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 319 Grayson Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. The Funeral Mass will be on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal will be at Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery at 2.30 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Lawrenceville, GA

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Father John DeVore*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of Father John DeVore*



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