



## Father Martin "Marty" Kopchik, MSFS

February 16, 1949 - November 6, 2010

Fr. Martin John Kopchik, msfs, (Fr. Marty) aged 61 years, passed in to eternal life on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Villa Luyet, the residence of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, on 3474 Pate Dr., Snellville, GA. Funeral mass will be held at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 7171 Glenridge Dr. NE, Sandy Springs, Atlanta, GA on Friday, November 12, at 11:30 A.M., Most Rev. Dr. Luis R. Zarama, JCL, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta presiding over the celebration and Fr. Gus Tharappel msfs, Regional Superior, Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, Msfs USA Region, concelebrating. The Regional Superior will officiate Committal Services by the graveside, in Arlington Memorial Park, 201 Mt. Vernon Rd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30328, immediately following the funeral mass. Fr. Marty will lay in state in St. Jude the Apostle Church for visitation from 10:30 A.M., till the commencement of the funeral liturgy. There will be visitation at St. Lawrence Church, 319 Grayson HWY, Lawrenceville, GA 30045 on Thursday, November 11, from 6:00 pm. to 9:00 pm. Visitation will conclude with Evening Prayer and Rosary prayed for Fr. Marty. Confreres, family members and friends will have a time of quiet visitation at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Rd., Lawrenceville, GA 30046, on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Fr. Martin J. Kopchik was born on February 16, 1949 in Gary, IN, USA as the third son of late Basil Kopchik and surviving mother Josephine Marie Kopchik. He was baptized on March 17, 1949, in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Gary, IN. After his college studies, while he

worked for Simmons Mattress in Norcross as an accountant, he was deeply involved with the charitable activities of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick Church, Norcross, Atlanta. Inspired by their service, Marty discerned his vocation to be a religious and a priest in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales. He joined the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) who were ministering at St. Patrick and made his first Religious Profession on August 15, in England. After his philosophical and theological studies he was ordained a Priest on May 19, 1986, at St. Lawrence Church, Lawrenceville, GA. He holds a BA in Philosophy and an MA in Theology and took a degree in Sacred Scripture at the Catholic University of America. Fr. Marty worked as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Norcross, and St. Lawrence Church, Lawrenceville, Atlanta, GA. Later he was pastor at both these parishes. Fr. Kopchik was Superior of the American Mission of the Msfs for 12 years with offices at Villa Luyet in Lawrenceville, and in Loganville, GA. He served as Vocation Promoter, Director of formation and Superior of the local community at Villa Luyet when the American Mission was raised to the status of a Region in the Congregation. He was also Director of the Fransalian Center for Spirituality in Loganville, GA, and later in Snellville, GA., while he also served St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Sandy Springs, GA. Fr. Marty held all these charges with utmost dedication and remained ever faithful to his responsibilities till the last moment of his life. He has offered many classes in spirituality, conducted many retreats and guided many on their spiritual journey. Fr. Marty relished the contemplative way of life and guided many to contemplation in the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. "Look to God that you may be radiant with joy" (Ps.34:6) sums up Fr. Marty. He was a very cheerful, humble, simple, generous, prayerful and faith-filled person. We thank our heavenly father for giving us Fr. Martin John Kopchik as a great gift to all of us, to our Religious family and to the Church. We will miss his presence with us. May he rest in peace and enjoy the fullness of life and joy that Jesus promised to all who follow him faithfully. Fr. Marty is survived by his beloved mother Josephine Marie Kopchik and, Sister, Stephanie Kopchik of Crown

Point, IN, Brothers Charles (Sandra) Kopchik of Pfafftown, N.C., Michael (Augustina) Kopchik of Copperas Cove, TX, John Charles Kopchik of Minneapolis MN, niece Michele Kopchik of Austin, TX, nephew Christopher (Debra) Kopchik of High Point, NC, and grand nephew Thomas. Memorial masses and offerings may be made to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, Villa Luyet, 3474 Pate Dr., Snellville GA. 30078-5000 Fr. Augustine Tharappel, msfs Regional Superior Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales, USA Region Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Homes, Lawrenceville Chapel 770-962-3100. Please sign the on-line guest book [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
Lawrenceville, GA

## Service

NOV 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude the Apostle Church  
7171 Glenridge Drive, NE  
Sandy Springs, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Father Martin "Marty" Kopchik, MSFS*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DEATH. GOD PROMISED A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AT JOHN 5:28,29 THIS PROMISE INCLUDES PERFECT HEALTH AND EVERLASTING LIFE FOR OBIDIENT MANKIND. LUKE 23:43##imported-begin##HOPE MCCALEP##imported-end##*

February 12, 2012 at 10:07 AM



“ *JESUS PROMISED THAT THOSE IN THE MEMORIAL TOMBS WIL COME OUT. JOHN 5:28,29. THIS PROMESE FUTURE INCLUDES PERFECT HEALTH AND EVERLASTING LIFE FOR OBIDIENT HUMANS.##imported-begin##HOPE MCCALEP##imported-end##*

February 12, 2012 at 09:57 AM



“ *MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIDED WILL BE RESURRECTED . JESUS PROMISED THAT THOSE IN THE MEMORIAL TOMB WILL COME OUT. JOHN 5:28, 29 IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S PURPOSE THOSE RESURECTED AS HUMANS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE ON A PERFECT HEATHLH AND EVERLASTING LIFE. SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##HOPE MCCALEP##imported-end##*

February 12, 2012 at 09:48 AM



“ I WISH TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY. THE BIBLE SAID THE RIGHTEOUS THEMSELVES WILL POSSES THE EARTH THE EARTH AND THEY WILL RESIDE FOREVER UPON THE EARTH.##imported-begin##HOPE MCCALEP##imported-end##

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February 12, 2012 at 09:35 AM



“ I am shocked to hear about the demise of Fr. Martin. I pray for him that God may grant him eternal rest.  
Miss you, Fr. Marty,  
Jose.##imported-begin##Fr. Jose Kumblolickal##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:17 AM



“ I knew Marty in High School. He was a great person and friend. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bruce Dunn##imported-end##

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November 19, 2010 at 05:14 PM



“ It is with great sadness that we (Gary & Patricia Innarelli) learned of the passing of our friend, Fr. Marty. We were parishoners at "old" St. Patrick's Parish together, so we knew Marty before he went into the Priesthood. We were at his ordination as Deacon into the Eastern Rite Church and at his Ordination to the Roman Catholic Priesthood. I also attended his first Mass.

He was a gentle and caring person who will be greatly missed; a true and dedicated servant of Our Lord, Jesus.

Our loss is heaven's gain. God Bless you, Marty. ~ You will always be loved.##imported-begin##Patricia Innarelli##imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 03:13 PM



“ We are so sad to hear of Father Marty's passing. He was a kind, gentle man. He married my husband and myself, and he was the sponsor of the singles group at St. Patrick's while I was active there. Our condolences to the family!###imported-begin##Judy Erb###imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 09:06 AM



“ I was truly blessed to be DRE at St. Lawrence while Marty was pastor. Marty viewed the staff of the parish as a team and valued the gifts of each person. He was exceptional in implementing the principle of shared responsibility!  
But more than this, I'll always remember Marty for his holistic spirituality. Like the Master, he always accepted people where they were and yet, with humor, storytelling, the sharing of tradition and prayer, one experienced being in the presence of holiness and the call to ongoing conversion. How wonderful for all of us who knew Marty to know we have one of the great saints interceding for us always! Much love, Marty, and I sure do hope they have movie theaters in Heaven!!!! :)###imported-begin##Claudette H. Cuddy###imported-end##

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November 11, 2010 at 12:21 AM



“ God Bless and Keep Father Marty. It was an honor to be present at his ordination at St. Lawrence in 1986, and to know him since as a priest and as a person. He loved God, loved people, loved life, and loved music. "The greatest gift you can give anyone is your time," right Father Marty?###imported-begin##Tom Wilkes###imported-end##

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November 10, 2010 at 06:07 PM



“ We loved you and will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##FRANK & CORA WARCHOL##imported-end##

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November 10, 2010 at 05:30 PM



“ *"No eye has seen, No ear has heard or mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" I have known Fr. Marty from his seminary days. He was truly a Blessing to the people of St. Lawrence and all who knew him. May God grant him eternal rest and joy.##imported-begin##Linda Sapecky##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2010 at 08:30 AM