

# Obituaries

Father William Galvin, M.M., a native of Kew Gardens who was celebrating his 60th year as a Maryknoll priest, died April 21 at Mission St. Teresa in Maryknoll, N.Y. He was 86.



Father Galvin

Father Galvin attended Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, Forest Hills, and Bishop Loughlin H.S., Fort Greene, before entering Maryknoll in 1947. He was ordained a priest June 9, 1956 by Cardinal Francis Spellman in the Maryknoll Chapel.

He was first missioned to Hawaii, 1956-59, and then to the Philippines, 1959-65.

In 1965, he was named spiritual director of the Maryknoll College seminary, Glen Ellyn, Ill., but returned to the Philippines one year later.

He served there as a parish priest, Regional Superior, chairman of the Association of Major religious Superiors of Men in the Philippines.

In 1974, he was called back to the U.S. to become director of the Maryknoll Mission Research and Planning Department. He oversaw the opening of new missions in Bangladesh, Sudan, Brazil, Samoa, and Nepal.

In 1977, he volunteered to be a member of the first team to go to Nepal. He spent nine years in Katmandu. He also spent some time in India.

In 1986, he was named director of orientation (Novitiate) for Maryknoll Seminarians in New Rochelle.

## Chancery Alert

The Chancery of the Diocese of Brooklyn has sent an alert to all parishes that Father Wisdom Akalefu has remained in the diocese after having been informed in December, 1999 that he was to leave and return to his home diocese in Nigeria.

Father Akalefu does not have faculties to serve as a priest here. He is asked to contact his bishop immediately.

In 1990, he was appointed coordinator of the Maryknoll Spiritual Retreat Program in the Holy Land. In 1996, he became coordinator of continuing formation and director of the Maryknoll Formation and Education Department.

In 1999, his lifelong dream of being a missionary to China was fulfilled when he was assigned to the Hong Kong region to teach English at Foshan University.

In 2003, he moved further north to Liaoning province, where he taught at the regional seminary and Northeastern University. In 2010, he was forced to retire from teaching because of old age at 65 by the Chinese government.

He retired to Stanley House in Hong Kong where he wrote, was chaplain to the weekly Alpha Program on Christianity and led a Bible discussion group for men. He also gave retreats in Thailand, Korea and the United States until medical issues required a return to Maryknoll in New York in 2015.

One year ago, Father Galvin was the subject of an interview in The Tablet and on NET-TV.

Burial was in the Maryknoll Society Cemetery in Ossining, N.Y.

Sister Julia Murphy, O.P., a member of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, L.I., for 65 years, died April 19 at the age of 86.

Born as Jo h a n n a Cecilia in Manhattan, she was raised in Elmhurst, where she was a member of the Ascension parish. She attended Bishop McDonnell H.S., Brooklyn, and entered the congregation in 1950.

She taught at All Saints, Williamsburg; St. Hugh, Huntington Station, L.I.; Cure of Ars, Merrick, L.I.; St. Agnes, Rockville Centre, L.I.; and St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square, L.I.

In 1973, she was assigned to teach at St. John the Baptist Diocesan H.S., West Islip, L.I.

In 2015, poor health required retirement to the motherhouse in Amityville.

She is survived by her brother, Jack.

Burial was in Amityville.

Julia Martinez Perez, mother-in-law of Deacon Louis A. Gonzalez, a retired deacon of the diocese, died April 19.

The funeral and burial took place in Florida.

Marie Rose Ulysses, the sister of Deacon Francois Innocent, a retired deacon of the diocese, died April 17.

The funeral and burial took place in Canada.

Sister Mary Clare Kolczynski, O.P., a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville, L.I. for 73 years, died April 23. She was 92.

Born as Mary Anne in Philadelphia, her early life was spent in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rye, N.Y., before the family moved to Long Island.

After high school, she worked in real estate, for the Boy Scouts of America and Coca Cola.

She entered the congregation in 1943 from Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Malverne, L.I. She took the religious name Sister Mary Clare.

She taught first-grade classes at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, L.I., 1944-55; St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach, L.I., 1955-64; St. Kilian, Farmingdale, L.I., 1964-65; St. Fidelis, College Point, 1965-97.

For the next three years, she was a substitute teacher at St. Fidelis.

In 2000 she retired and, when St. Fidelis Convent closed, she joined the community at Harbor of Grace Convent. During this time, she cared for her infirm sister. Failing health necessitated her move to Carlin Hall Infirmary in 2015.

Burial in the Sisters' cemetery in Amityville.



Sr. Mary Clare



Sister Julia

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