

Rev. Charles W. Newburn, Sch.P. (1943-2016)

Father Charles W. Newburn, Sch.P. was born on October 23, 1943 in Daytona Beach, FL. As the third child in the family of four, he had two older sisters and one younger brother.

After graduating from Mainland High School in 1961, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served on active duty (1962-66) and later on inactive duty (1966-68).

He entered the novitiate of the Piarist Fathers in Derby, NY on October 15, 1969 and made his first profession of vows on October 16, 1970. He studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington and the University of Central Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1973.

In 1974, he was assigned to the Piarist community of Devon in suburban Philadelphia. He studied philosophy and theology at Villanova University. During this time, he also taught mathematics and geography in Devon Prep.

From 1977 until 1978, he was assigned to the community in Fort Lauderdale, during which time he continued his studies at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL. He made his solemn profession on October 23, 1977.

In 1978 he returned to Devon to complete his studies in theology at Villanova University and to teach mathematics and theology. He was ordained a priest on September 22, 1979. On the weekends he assisted at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Strafford, PA.

In 1982 he was again assigned to our community in Fort Lauderdale. During the next 34 years, he taught mathematics and theology at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Over the years, he served the Piarist Fathers in many capacities: Local Superior in Fort Lauderdale, Master of Novices, Provincial Assistant and Provincial Secretary. On the weekends he assisted at St. Gabriel Parish in Pompano Beach, FL and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Deerfield Beach, FL.

Father Charles peacefully passed away on Monday, April 4. His Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, April 9. Memorial Masses were celebrated at St. Gabriel Church in Pompano Beach on Monday, April 11 and Cardinal Gibbons High School on Wednesday, April 13. Interment privately took place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Fort Lauderdale.

The Piarist Fathers request that donations in memory of Father Charles Newburn be made to the Piarist Seminarian or Retirement Funds, P.O. Box 11822, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339.

May he rest in peace.