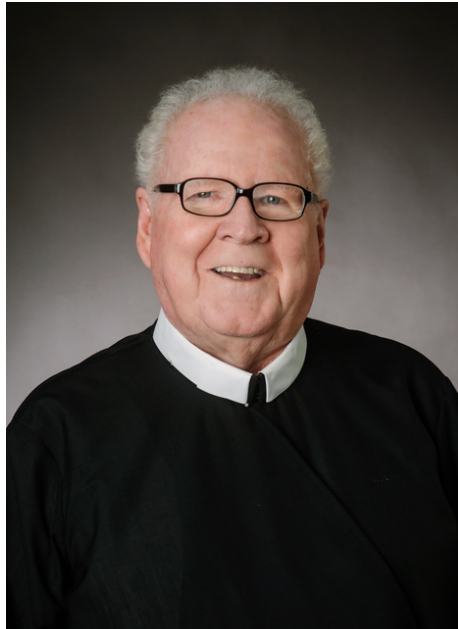


Fr. John McGowan, C.Ss.R.
1936 - 2026



It's with a heavy heart that we announce that Fr. John McGowan, C.Ss.R. passed peacefully into eternal life on Friday, September 18th at the St. John Neumann Residence in Timonium, Maryland with his Redemptorist brothers gathered in prayer around him.

Fr. John ministered here at San Alfonso for close to 30 years. We cannot even begin to imagine how many lives he touched, how many souls were nourished by his prayer and preaching, how many times he brought joy and laughter to those in his presence. Just the sound of his warm, loud, and cheerful greeting instantly made you feel welcomed and at home.

What an extraordinary gift he has been to our Redemptorist community, our staff, and so many retreatants who walked through the doors of this retreat house.

We thank God for Fr. John's presence and ministry in his almost 70 years as a Redemptorist. He surely has received a loud, warm, and cheerful welcome into eternal life!

The funeral services for Father John are as follows:

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Wake and Visitation

San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Avenue

Long Branch, NJ 07740

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Prayer Service at 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Visitation

San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Avenue

Long Branch, NJ 07740

9:00 - 9:45 AM

Mass of Christian Burial

Saint Michael's Church

800 Ocean Avenue

Long Branch, NJ 07740

10:30 AM Mass