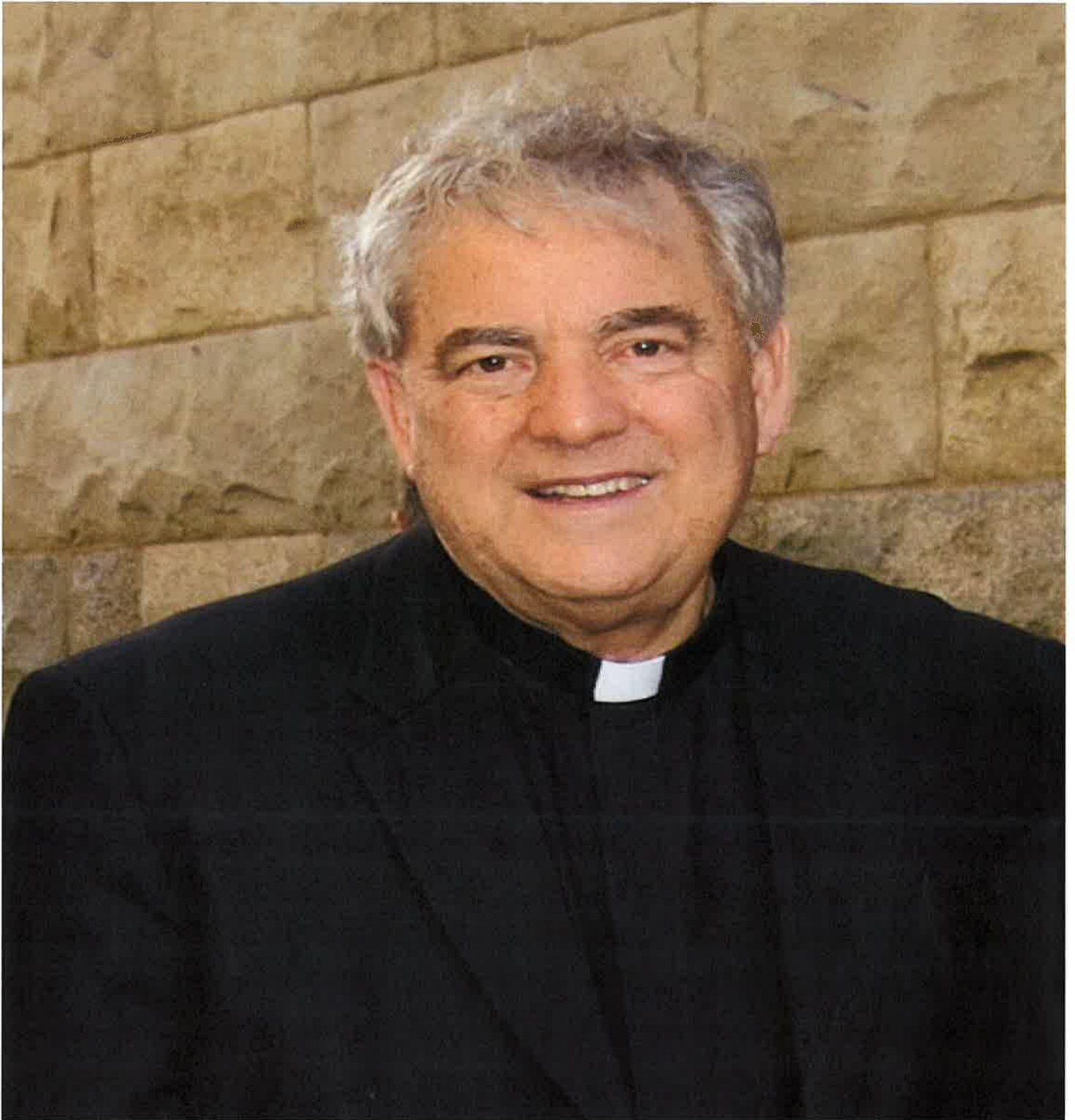


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**The Noe Valley Parishes  
Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor  
1944 – 2025  
Special Edition**



# Words of Remembrance

Dear St. Paul's School Community,

It is with heavy hearts and deep faith in God's promise of eternal life that we share the news of the passing of our beloved pastor, Rev. Mario P. Farana. His presence among us was a gift—a shepherd who guided with wisdom, served with humility, and loved with the heart of Christ. His life was a true testament of God's love through his faithful service, compassion, and unwavering devotion to our parish family for 32 years.

We lift up our prayers: *Loving God, receive your servant Father Mario into the joy of your kingdom. May the light of Christ shine upon him, and may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## **St. Paul's School**

From Father Andrew Spyrow, Vicar for Clergy, on behalf of Archbishop Cordileone

This afternoon, I send word that our brother priest and friend, Reverend Mario P. Farana died today at Saint Paul Parish in San Francisco at the age of 80 years.

Fr. Farana was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco 54 years ago on May 29, 1971. Fr. Farana served in the Archdiocese from June 1, 1971, until August 4, 2025. He served in the following parishes: Saint John the Evangelist Parish, San Francisco, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Burlingame, Saint Paul Parish, San Francisco, Saint Michael Korean Parish, San Francisco, Saint Stephen Parish, San Francisco, and back to St. Paul's. In 2020 he accepted the position as pastor of the Noe Valley Cluster (Saint Philip the Apostle, Saint James, and Saint Paul) in San Francisco. Fr. Farana also served in the Vocations Office at the Chancery, as a faculty member at Marin Catholic High School, Kentfield and as the Chaplain for Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco.

## **Archdiocese of San Francisco**

### **Some Facebook thoughts and prayers**

- Incredible turnout for the Thanksgiving mass for all that I don't think they're doing it Fr Mario gave us his ministry.
- He gave us a lot to be thankful.
- Faithful to the end Thank you Fr. Mario
- 50 yrs. ago Father Mario married Jack and me and also baptized our daughter, Meghan, at St. John's. Thank you for all you've done at St. Paul's.

- (He was) so wonderful. (It) shows the love and respect that man earned throughout his life..!!!
- People respond to goodness..
- God bless Father Mario.
- Fr Mario, Thank you for bringing your love & caring to the St Paul's community for the over 30 years. May you rest in peace...
- Such a great man! A family friend! He will be missed! Rest In Peace Mario!
- Rest in God's hands, Father Mario 🙏 Thank you for all the support, care, compassion, and prayers you gave me and my family over the past decades. You will always be remembered.
- I'm so sad to hear this news. He was a wonderful person and priest. He was a gift to St Paul's. He will be greatly missed.
- He will be remembered forever 🙏. One of the best.
- This is such sad news 🥹 Fr. Mario did so much for our parish and our families. May he rest in peace 🙏
- Rest in Peace Father. Thanks for all your dedicated years. I really felt close to you going to the 9:15 Sunday Mass.
- What A Great Priest.... loved by all of us from day one. He came when we were kids.
- I was his altar server in the late 70's - A great man. Our generation of St Paul's priests are all now in Heaven breaking bread together. RIP Father Mario
- Rest in peace Father Mario 🙏 We have lost a great man, a great friend & a great pastor.
- As we bid you farewell, Father Mario, we take heart in knowing that your extraordinary legacy will endure, a lasting testament to the countless lives you've touched. Your visionary leadership, boundless compassion, and guiding wisdom inspired hope and resilience in my mother. She was forever grateful for the gift of your enduring friendship. Rest in peace thank you for your unwavering guidance and support.

### **Funeral Services for Fr. Mario Farana**

Friday, August 15, **Visitation**

2:30 – 3:30PM at Duggan's Funeral Service, 3434 17<sup>th</sup> St.

4:30 – 7:00 pm St. Paul's Church

7:00 – 8:00 pm: Vigil Service, St. Paul's

Saturday, August 16, **Funeral Mass** 10:00 am St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Reception to follow at the Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. San Francisco, California



