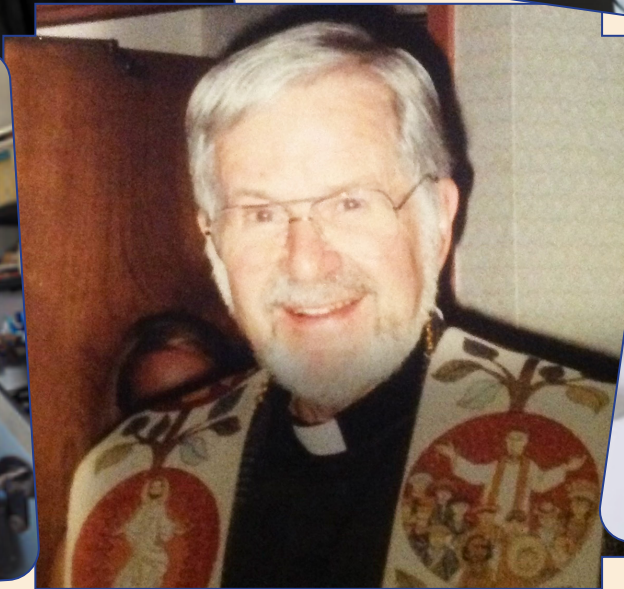
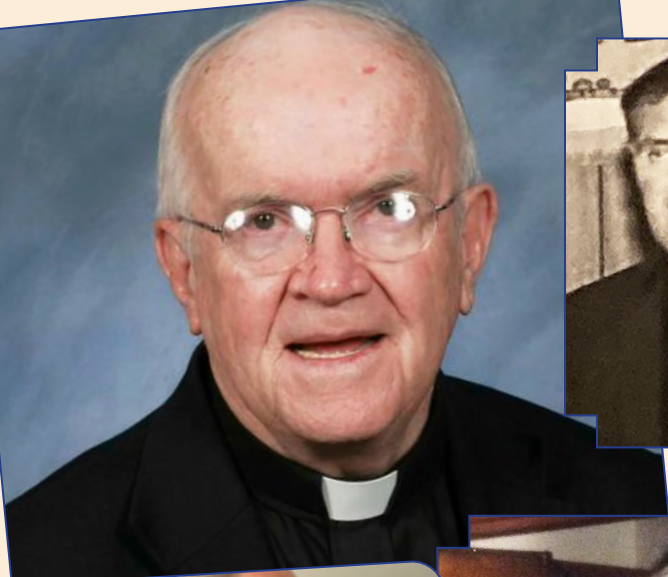




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They Sought Christ in Others...

Dear Friends,

We recently lost a number of our beloved alumni priest missionaries; men dedicated to serving the poor and serving others, who evangelized and spread Christ's message and Christ's joy to everyone they met, whether that was in South American as missionaries or back in parishes in their home countries. In this issue we reflect on the two of our alumni who passed away in 2021 & 2022: Msgr. James Donald Gorski and Fr. Vincent Eugene Daily. These were two missionary priests who embodied the ideals of the St. James Society and lived as humble servants of Christ each and every day.

Diocesan priests serving the poorest of the poor in Latin America since 1958.



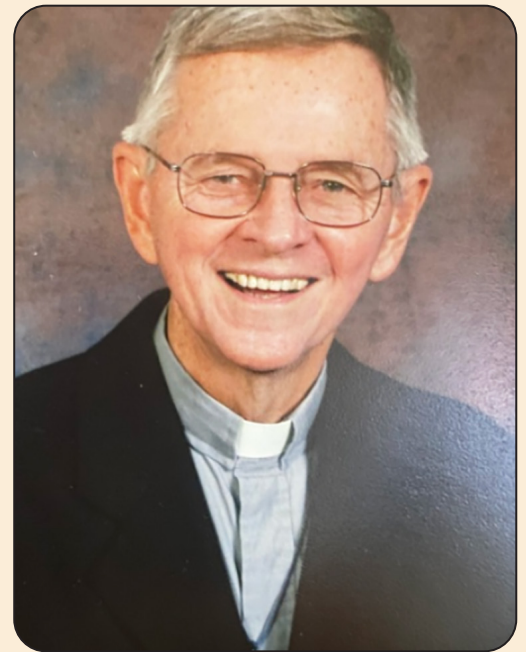
Fr. Gorski, (L) with his mission cross

Monsignor Donald Gorski

Born to a devout Catholic family in 1933, Monsignor Donald Gorski grew up as the youngest of five in his home in Charleston, South Carolina. After moving to California, two of his brothers entered the military following in their father's footsteps, while his sister Anne pursued a life among the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, an organization he was very fond of throughout his life. His education continued at St. Augustine's High School and then at St. Bernard's College and Seminary in Alabama, where he received his bachelor's degree and went on to study at St. Mary's College in Baltimore. He was ordained a Priest in his home town in South Carolina in 1959, where he worked as associate pastor throughout

the diocese until 1970, where his dream of being a missionary came true. He entered the Society of St. James and served in Peru for six years during a time of extreme violence from the Shining Path Communists. At times he had to dodge bullets during services in the church. Msgr. Gorski's work consisted of masses, homilies, reconciliation and organizing retreats for all ages. One of the questions he regularly asked participants during these retreats was "What do you want to say to your family?" Then, while this question was asked, friends and family were brought before the participant. Fr. Don commented on this saying "During the question, their friends and families are brought before them. I was seated behind the retreatants looking right into the faces of their families. It was beautiful to see what happened."

Fr. Don returned to the states in 1976 where he continued work as a Pastor in St. Mary's in Greenville, South Carolina. There, drawing from his missionary experience, he instituted the first regularly scheduled Spanish mass to reach the large Hispanic population in the diocese. After working at numerous other churches in South Carolina, he returned to Peru with his sister, Anne, and he continued to spread the good news to which he dedicated his life. Eventually, he returned to Palm Desert where he served as a supply priest and eventually retired with his sister at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Fr. Don was a man committed to his work as a servant of the Lord and showed passion in the work he did. Whenever someone would say, "Have a good day!" He would respond with "No! I refuse to have a good day...I will have a tremendous, fantastic day!" Or when others complained about the heat in Palm Desert, he would respond "It's very dry here...I don't notice the heat at all." Only someone who is truly happy with what they spend their life doing could be so optimistic. Fr. Don was known to say, *"Pursue what you are passionate about, with the consideration of the Lord's word, and you will live a happier and more fulfilling life"*. Msgr. Gorski is remembered by many across the country, notably the people he served in South Carolina, one of whom commented after his death, "He was a wonderful priest at St. Peter Church in Columbia, SC. He always asked my mom if she needed anything at Christmas for our family of eight children... he will always be in our families' thoughts and prayers." And another parishioner said, "My husband and I were married by this man, and he baptized our firstborn son. He was very special to us. We will always remember him kindly..." Monsignor Gorski had a large following and even up to his final years he regularly encouraged people to help donate to the poor in Peru. We are grateful to Msgr. Gorski for supporting and promoting the Society of St. James and for his tireless evangelization.



Fr. Vincent Daily

A Boston native, Fr. Daily was the last survivor of four sons to the late John and Mary (Vose) Daily. Fr. Vincent Daily attended Belmont High School and graduated in 1947. He completed undergraduate studies at Boston College and he also obtained a master's degree from B.C. He was briefly a student at St. John Seminary, but was dispatched to Rome, where he completed seminary formation at the Pontifical North American College; and his theology studies at the Jesuits' Pontifical Gregorian University. Fr. Vincent Daily was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 20, 1958 at Sta. Susanna's in Rome. He was the first priest ordained by Boston's newly designated Cardinal Richard James Cushing. Boston's colorful archbishop had received his "Red Hat" from Pope St. John XXIII at solemn ceremonies a few days earlier, and he actually took possession of his titular church during the Mass for Father Daily's ordination. Fr. Daily was then assigned as a priest to Immaculate Conception in Marlborough, and in 1967 he joined the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. He began serving in Bolivia, where he worked for the next five years. After returning to the U.S., Daily became a faculty member at St. John's Seminary in Boston. Shortly after, he returned to the St. James Society for a second tour between 1976 and 1981 and, during these years, he also travelled the United States, urging bishops to release priests for service in South America with the St. James Society. Daily served as pastor in Roxbury from 1981-1989 and, once again, he returned to the people he loved in South America for a final tour.

Fr. Daily always seemed happy wherever he was assigned and whatever he was doing. Many referred to him as "Fr. Vin Daily, Senior" to distinguish him from his nephew and namesake, Fr. Vincent E. Daily, who was the homilist at his uncle's funeral Mass on Dec. 22, 2021. When interviewed by the Boston Pilot back in 2009, Daily was asked what his favorite scripture passage was. He responded, "*The poor you have always with you...and whatsoever you will, you may do them good. But me you have not always...*" (Mk 14, 7). Asked what his greatest joys was, as a priest, Fr. Daily responded, "*Being thrilled at finding Christ alive in others... even his enemies who are searching for him but don't know it... yet.*" A former coworker of Fr. Daily captured his personality, saying, "I met Fr. Vinnie Daily in 1969, when I joined the St. James Society. I was impressed by his big, Irish smile and friendly demeanor... Over the years I only saw him a few times, but time was irrelevant. Vinnie always greeted me with that big Irish smile and told me he was fine." He recalled that Daily, possessed immense faith, and was such a friendly, down to earth guy. Fr. Daily's love of the priesthood was often expressed, especially to the seminarians: "*Don't deprive yourself of the opportunity! Priesthood offers a chance to try to imitate Christ's universal love in so many ways!* We were so blessed to have Fr. Daily as a St. James Society Missionary!



Fr. Vinnie Daily receives the Cushing Award from Cardinal O'Malley



Fr. Vin Daily 'Sr' & nephew, Fr. Vin Daily



Fr. Vinnie Daily (Far Right), with Society of St. James priests

We Remember Some Recently Deceased Alumni - May they Rest in Peace...

"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" Psalm 110:4



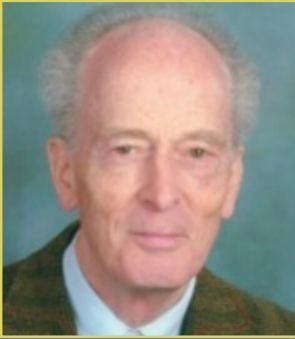
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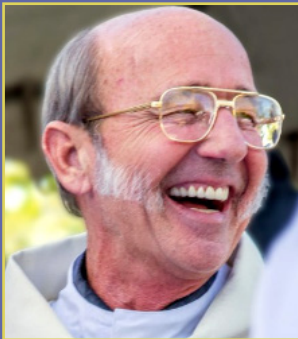
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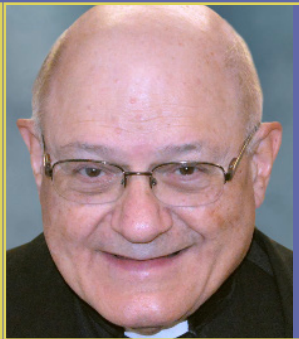
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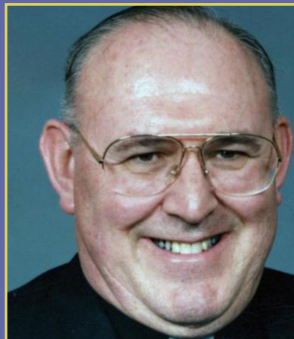
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