

C-251/2008  
14 July 2008

Reverend and Dear Father,

*The Reverend James A. Conry*  
*Pastor Emeritus, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wadsworth*

died yesterday, 13 July, at Mount Alverna Village, after receiving the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.

James Ambrose Conry, the son of the late James A. and Mary (nee Ford) Conry, was born on 23 January 1925, in Cleveland. He was educated in Saint Jerome Elementary School, Saint Ignatius High School, John Carroll University and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 19 December, 1953, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

From 7 January 1954 to 7 January 1955, he served as assistant pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Akron. From 7 January 1955 through August of 1973, Father Conry served as a professor at Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe. On 13 August 1973, he was appointed pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, Orrville. From 22 June 1981 through 4 August 1995, he served in the additional capacity as Diocesan Director for Rural Affairs. On 4 January 1982, Father Conry was transferred to the pastorate of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wadsworth. Father Conry ministered at the parish until his retirement an appointment as Pastor Emeritus on 30 June 1997. Since that time he provided pastoral assistance at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Parma.

Father Conry served as Dean of the Ashland, Wayne, and Medina Deanery from 1980 through 1989. At various times, he served as Moderator of the Ashland, Wayne and Medina Regional Council and the Cuyahoga Regional Council of the National Council of Catholic Women.

On Thursday, 17 July, the wake will begin with the reception of the body and the singing of Vespers at 3 p.m. in Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Church, 5891 Ridge Road, Parma. The visitation will continue until 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Charles Borromeo Parish on Friday, 18 July. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon. Reverend John T. Carlin, pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, will be the homilist. Burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland.

In accord with the provisions of the Marian Pact, please try to attend and concelebrate the Funeral Liturgy, offer Mass for him as you are able, and cause him to be remembered and prayed for in the appropriate public prayers of the Church. May Father James Conry and all our brother priests, deacons, and bishops who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Therese Guerin Sullivan, S.P., J.C.L.  
Chancellor