



Reverend Monsignor Milton Louis Reisch

April 9, 1930 - July 18, 2011

The Reverend Monsignor Milton Louis Reisch, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans passed away on July 18, 2011. He was 81 and a native of New Orleans. He attended Sacred Heart, Metairie Grammar School, and Jesuit High School. He entered the Jesuit Order at Grand Coteau, LA in 1947. Four years later he began his study of philosophy and physics at Spring Hill College where he received his degree in physics in 1954. He taught at St. John's High School in Shreveport, LA for three years. His theological training was at St. Mary's College, the school of theology for St. Louis University. He was ordained a priest on June 15, 1960 at Spring Hill College. He was a teacher of physics and mathematics at Jesuit High School in New Orleans from 1961 until 1972 and for a short time served as the athletic director. In 1972, he began work in Mississippi conducting parish missions, retreats, and The Cursillo Movement. From 1974 to 1976 he was a retreat director at Manresa Retreat House. While on a leave of absence he traveled to Iran and taught at the IEI School in Shiraz, Iran. At one point he was the only Catholic Priest in Shiraz, a city with a population of over one million. When the Shah was deposed, he returned home and became a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He served the Church at St. Cletus, St. Benilde, Prince of Peace, and Our Lady of Divine Providence where he was Pastor for 17 years until his retirement in 2002. He is survived by his sister, Merlyn R. Casey Weilbaecher; two nephews, Robert R. Casey and Taylor J. Casey (wife, Patricia); a niece, Connie Casey O'Donnell; three great nieces Meghan

M. O'Donnell, K. Camille Casey, and Elizabeth R. Casey; and three great nephews, Brendan C. O'Donnell, Robert T. Casey, II, and Peter J. Casey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton Louis Reisch and Camille Marie Carriere Reisch. Msgr. Reisch often expressed his gratitude for those friends who helped him throughout his ministry and his life. The family would like to express their gratitude to Jo Anne Raines, Nancy Campeaux, Jackie Posner, and all who cared for him during his recent illness.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church, 8900 W. Metairie Ave. (at N. Starrett Rd.), Metairie, LA on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., The Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, celebrant. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation at the church on Friday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, please consider masses or a donation in Msgr. Reisch's memory to Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St., N.O., LA 70119 or Our Lady of Prompt Succor National Shrine (Ursuline Chapel), 2635 State St., N.O., LA 70118 or Our Lady of Divine Providence Church, 1000 N. Starrett Rd., Metairie, LA 70003 or Notre Dame Hospice, 2832 Burdette St., N.O., LA 70125 or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen and Son.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church
8900 West Metairie Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Visitation

JUL 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church
8900 West Metairie Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Funeral Mass

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Monsignor Milton Louis Reisch*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Father Reisch taught me physics my junior year at Jesuit High School in New Orleans. I have only pleasant memories of that year under his tutelage. No longer living in New Orleans, I did not know of his passing. I write now, some 12 years later and nearly six decades since my high school encounter with Father because he appeared to me in a dream last night. I have no memory of the context; all I remember is Father Reisch consoling me as I sobbed in his arms. This experience moved me deeply. I believe God allowed Father Reisch to reach out to me. It is an experience I will not forget. Father Reisch, pray for us!*

Harold Toups - May 24, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *Father Reisch was my employer for 7 of the best years of my life. I learned alot from him and the staff of Our Lady of Divine Providence. It was with great pleasure that i was able to cook and take care of the rectory for Father Reisch, Father Wendell, Father John, Father David, and others. My sincere and deepest sympathy to Ms Merlin and the kids. I will truly miss you Father.*
Claire Giles Mayor

Claire Giles Mayor - August 02, 2011 at 09:58 PM

JM

“ Milton i remember since our childhood on Fairway Drive. A wonderful person! Great guy! I next encountered Milton at Manresa Retreat House where he was instrumental in always improving the facilities there. My wife, Liz, and I most sincerely extend our deepest sympathy to Merlin and family for this great, incalculable loss. Jim Reynolds.
(James L. Reynolds, M.D., jlrmdbellsouth.net)

James L. Reynolds, M.D. - July 25, 2011 at 12:42 PM

SR

“ We will forever hold Father Milton in our hearts and cherish all of our wonderful memories! He was a big part of our family and we all love and miss him. GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN! LOVE, THE RAINES AND BECNEL FAMILIES

Stephanie Raines - July 22, 2011 at 12:07 PM

MD

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Margaret M. C. Delery - July 21, 2011 at 01:34 PM

MD

This is Father having fun at our wedding reception, here he might even be giving Cary some advice!

Margaret M. C. Delery - July 21, 2011 at 01:40 PM

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Margaret M. C. Delery - July 21, 2011 at 01:33 PM

MD

Cary and I got to know Father better as he worked with us to complete our pre-nuptial classes for pre-cana!...just last July he was able to be there for us again as he said the funeral mass for my Mom...your kindness and spirituality will be missed.

Margaret M. C. Delery - July 21, 2011 at 01:39 PM

CL

“ ' I HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIEND AND HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED, WE GO BACK IN THE 70 WHEN I MEET HIM AT CURSILLO, WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE, WHEN AT MANRESA MY DAD A RETREAT CAPTAIN (JACOB UHLE) ALWAYS REQUESTED FATHER TO BE THE RETREAT MASTER, HE TOUCH SO MANY HEARTS. WHEN MY DAD DIED HE WAS THERE, WHEN MY MOTHER DIED HE WAS THERE, WHEN MY SON DIED HE WAS THERE NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM. WHEN WE NEEDED A PRIEST SO SAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL PEARLINGTON MS EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A LONG RIDE, HE WOULD TAKE HIS SISTER WITH HIM, AND HELP US OUT, I COULD GO ON AND ON. NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM I LOVED HIM BUT MOST OF ALL HE HAD LOVE FOR ALL OF US. I WILL MISS HIM. CAMILLE LICHTENSTEIN, PEARLINGTON MS

Camille lichtenstein - July 21, 2011 at 11:17 AM

LJ

“ Fr. Reisch became an honorary member of the Johnson family after he helped my father (Tom) prepare for his death after battling cancer in 2009. Fr. Reisch presided performed funeral services for my father and made it a touching and moving occasion. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those he has left behind. God bless...

Lance Johnson - July 21, 2011 at 10:18 AM

MP

“ Fr. Reisch is among my best remembered teachers at Jesuit. He had a knack for making the tedium of studying physics just a little bit fun, and that took a special talent. He obviously loved teaching and loved his students. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" is a most appropriate description of his life.

Maurice Pujol

Jesuit '68

Maurice Pujol - July 21, 2011 at 09:58 AM

NC

“ You know how much we loved Milton. Our lives have been richly blessed by his deep and lasting friendship. We thank God for every memory we have of time spent together: celebrating Eucharist, Cookie Monster, Free Cell, Fury's, vacations, SLU Graduation, four weddings, baptisms, Katrina evacuation, Monsignor, Santa's helper, scotch, peacemaker, long chats, furnishing his apartment, special celebrations, children and grandchildren, e-mails, oyster po-boys, teaching, meals, Waveland, clamps, woodworking, tears and laughter, and the memories go on. The greatest gift and honor was caring for him from May 13th until July 18th and holding his hand as he went from this earthly life into the arms of Jesus for his eternal reward. Our lives will never be the same. We continue on life's journey knowing one day we will be together again. We love you, Merlyn, Taylor and Trish, Connie, and Bob. You are in our prayers.
Love, Nancy and Barry Campeaux

Nancy and Barry Campeaux - July 21, 2011 at 09:34 AM