



Rev. Thomas M. Powers

May 14, 1935 - March 5, 2014

Albany-Reverend Thomas M. Powers, 78, was born into Eternal Life Wednesday morning, March 5, 2014 at Teresian House. Born in Albany, Thomas M. Powers was the son of the late Michael and Helen Powers. He was the beloved brother of Maryellen Leonard; brother in law of the late Thomas Leonard; dear uncle of Margaret Ebenhoch (John Jr) and Helen LaRocco (Anthony); great uncle of Thomas, Patrick and Bridget Ebenhoch and Eileanor LaRocco.

Father Powers attended St. Thomas Seminary, Hartford and Mater Christi Seminary, Albany and completed the Basselin program at Catholic University. He completed his theological training at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor on December 19, 1962. Father Powers was awarded his Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree (Sacrae Theologiae Doctor) in 1983.

Father Powers served as associate pastor in St. John the Baptist in Greenville, Sacred Heart in Cohoes, Sacred Heart of Mary in Watervliet and St. Patrick's in Athens while teaching in Catholic high schools in Catskill and Cohoes. He was Chaplain at Albany Medical Center for three years before becoming the pastor of the combined parish of St. Agnes/St. Patrick in Cohoes from 1975 to 1979. After briefly serving as Chaplain at St. Mary's

Hospital, Troy, he was appointed in 1980 Superior of the Graduate House of Studies (Casa Santa Maria) of the North American College in Rome and Director of the Office of the Bishops' for United States visitors to the Vatican.

From 1987 through 1993 Father Powers served in a variety of ministries within the Diocese of Albany; Director of the Office of Clergy Education, Chair of the Board for the Ministry of Priests Program, Moderator of the St. Luke's Guild and Adjunct Professor at Siena College and St. Bernard's Institute. During this time he was also Chaplain for the Academy of the Holy Names and for the Catholic students at Albany Medical College. While still serving in some of these positions Fr. Powers was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie where he served from 1993 until 1998 when he became pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Albany. He retired from administrative responsibilities in 2005, but continued his sacramental ministry for many years.

Reception of the body will take place Sunday, March 9, 2014 in St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany at 2:00 pm, with visitation continuing until 5:00pm.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial will be concelebrated Monday, March 10, 2014 at 11:00 am in St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany with Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D. D. Bishop of Albany as principal celebrant.

Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Those wishing to remember Father Thomas M. Powers in a special way may send a contribution to Teresian House, 200 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Thomas M. Powers*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *He was the best thing that happened to Saint Patrick's high school in Catskill New York. I still quote him to my children. He would say don't forget that " Old what's his name told me that" I have never forgotten his manor of teaching, truly wonderful and knowledgeable.*

Philip Albanese - June 23, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 12:59 AM



“ *I first meet Father Powers in Rome, Italy while searching for the Pantheon. He approached me, offered assistance and provided clear directions. He also recommended a local restaurant that was superb. While thousands of miles from home in New York, we talked as if we knew eachother forever, recanted stories and realized we had mutual friends. A kind, helpful stranger who became a friend in minutes. Thank you. RIP.*

Bill Williams

Bill Williams - March 12, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Patricia Eldridge lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Thomas M. Powers*



Patricia Eldridge - March 08, 2014 at 01:50 PM

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*Dear Ebenhoch family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Uncle. I remember Father
Powers, he was a lovely man, and a true example of a parish priest.
Sorry for your loss.*

Patricia Eldridge - March 08, 2014 at 01:55 PM