



Father Walter Anthony Cerbin SSJ

June 13, 1929 - November 9, 2019

Josephite Father Walter Anthony Cerbin

Father Walter Anthony Cerbin died on Saturday, November 9, 2019, of a lingering illness in Palmetto, LA, in his eight year of retirement. He was ninety years old and had been a priest for 64 years.

Father Cerbin was a native of Chicago, born on June 13, 1929, to Stanley and Rose Szanfranska Cerbin. Baptized in St. Hyacinth Church, he attended St. Viator Elementary School and Quigley Prep Seminary before entering the Josephite College and novitiate in Newburgh, NY, and on to St. Joseph Seminary and priestly ordination in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on June 4, 1955.

In his fifty-six years of pastoral ministry, Father covered a lot of Josephite territory. Beginning in 1955, Father served as an associate pastor in Port Arthur, TX, for five years. For the next six years he served in the same position in Baltimore, WA and in Beaumont, TX. His first pastorate was in Baltimore at St. Francis Xavier parish.

For the next three-years he served as pastor at the only Josephite mission in Clarendon in the Bahamas. Then followed pastorates in Dallas for four years; Lawtell, LA, for four years; New Orleans, for two years; and Cecelia, LA, for eight years.

Fathers' last parochial assignment was for eight years in Lebeau, LA. He retired in June, 2011, after over fifty years of active ministry.

A Vigil Service will be held in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in

Lebeau, LA, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2019.
Viewing will begin at 5:00 PM. Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday morning, November 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Viewing on Friday will begin at 9:00 AM. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net
Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *Father Walter Anthony Cerbin SSJ*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz - November 18, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *God bless you all,
Please know of my prayers and penances for the repose of the soul
of Father Cerbin and that you all may continue to trust in the LORD
even more.*

*Father Rozas
Diocese of Lafayette*

Father Rozas - November 15, 2019 at 03:59 PM

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“ My sincere condolences and prayers to Alvin J Saul and the family as you lay Father Walter to rest. He was such a beautiful soul and I feel truly blessed to have had the pleasure of spending such joyous times with him and getting to know him. I will forever treasure the conversations we shared. He will forever be in my heart ❤️ May he Rest In Peace 🙏



*Sheila Dawn Saul
Alvin Rogee' Saul
Pflugerville, TX*

Sheila Dawn Saul - November 15, 2019 at 08:31 AM

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“ Condolences on the passing of Fr. Cerbin. He was a fabulous priest and we have very fond memories of his time at Holy Family Catholic Church.

From the Desselle & Auzenne Family

Desselle & Auzenne Family - November 14, 2019 at 09:14 PM

KC

“ Katherine Collins Henry and Karen Collins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Father Walter Anthony Cerbin SSJ.



Katherine Collins Henry and Karen Collins - November 13, 2019 at 05:37 PM