



Rev. James Seyer

October 26, 2013

Rev. James A. Seyer, 88, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, October 26, 2013 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born January 10, 1925 in Cape Girardeau to Joseph J. and Pauline J. Dohogne Seyer. He was raised in St. Mary Parish, attended grade school at St. Mary Grade School and had a fondness for St. Mary Cathedral Parish where he served for several years as associate pastor. Father Seyer was ordained May 30, 1950, at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis by His Eminence Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Following his ordination, Father Seyer's first assignment was at Corpus Christi Parish in Jennings, Mo. He later served at St. Cronan in St. Louis and St. Andrews in Lemay. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in April of 1957 where he served as Pastor at St. Susanne in Mount Vernon, Sacred Heart in Bolivar, St. William in Buffalo, St. Cecilia in Kennett, St. Joseph in Steele, and Sacred Heart in Dexter. Father Seyer's many other assignments included teaching part-time at DeAndreis High School and Rosati-Kain High School in St. Louis, Chaplain at Missouri State Sanatorium and St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Instructor of Christian Doctrine at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, and Parochial Administrator for St. Teresa in Glennonville and Sacred Heart in Wilhelmina. Upon retirement, Father Seyer continued to serve in Parish Sacramental Ministry as needed. Fr. Seyer possessed an enormous memory bank. He was also noted for his injection of humor into any homily he presented but never forgot the

seriousness of the moment. He had an extreme sensitivity to any service that he was involved in and was very particular that it be done the right way. He was extremely dedicated to his priestly ministry to the end of his life, even when it was difficult for him. He was very appreciative to those people who were close to him. Survivors include brother, Vince Seyer (Louise) of Cape Girardeau; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Seyer of Jackson and Frieda Seyer of Cape Girardeau; nephews and nieces, Tom Lappe (Sharon), Mary Emmenderfer Richey (Mike), Judy Burger (Mike), Richard Seyer (Kim), Donna Mirly, Jeannie Roark, Steve Longinette, Linda Arras (Bob), Nancy Eichemier, Connie Hess, David Seyer (Staci), Kathy Sutterfield (Jeff), Beverly Essner (Jerome), Walter Seyer (Kathy), Jeff Seyer (Becky, deceased), Ken Seyer (Debbie), Chris Seyer-Deceased (Joni), Roger Seyer (Kari), Steve Seyer (Jane), and Teresa Givens (Scott); numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Mark Seyer, Oscar Seyer, Clarence Seyer, C.M., Rev. Francis Seyer, Joseph Seyer, and infant brother, Thomas Seyer; four sisters, Sister Adelma Seyer, S.S.N.D., Sister Clovis Seyer, S.S.N.D., Irma Lappe, and Delphine Longinette. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 PM. Visitation will resume 9:00 AM until service time Thursday, October 31, 2013 at the church. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, October 31, 2013 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht, and concelebrating priests and deacons. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary Cathedral Building Fund.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *St. Ann parishoners will always remember Father Seyer's kindness, his devotion, and his funny stories. May he rest in peace.* ”

Val Hollis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *He was truly a wonderful and faithful priest. He will be missed by me and many others. Rest in peace!* ”

Shirley Essner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Our prayers are for Father Jim and the entire family. He was a very special man and always reminded us that he was a "great relative". His quick humor and genuine concern for others will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed. Denise, Jim Shelton & sons* ”

Denise Jansen Shelton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Rest in Peace, Fr. Seyer! Thanks for all the ways you served our family. He always remembered us with the date of our wedding 44 yrs ago, as "the hottest day in July of 1969".* ”

Tom and Mary Carol Dohogne - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Father Jim had a terrific way of keeping up with former Parishinours, even attending Services of Friends of the past, and would drive hundreds of miles to be there, and would always say some final prayers for the deceased. He did that for our Mom, years after we had moved abd he was at another Parish. He had a Special Way of remembering everyone, no matter how many years had passed. Thanks Father Jim. Jim Barry, St. Ann, Month.*

Jim Barry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Father Jim, tHanks For All you Did for our Parish at CorPus Christy and for being friends and conseulor to the whole Barry Family. Thanks for the Prayers and Masses, and for teaching me how to learn how to drive. Please Pray for all of those you helped along your way to Heaven. You are missed, but will be busy saving many as always. Regards, Jim Barry.*

jim Barry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *This past Friday evening my brothers & sisters & I were together and we spoke about Father Seyer, remembering what a wonderful friend he was to our family when we lived in Jennings, MO. We are very sorry to learn of his passing the next day. Deepest sympathy to his family.*

Patricia Barry Peak - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *worked with father jim at old sfh back in the 60's. a very up beat person with a story to tell. rip father jim, you earned it. nee*

nelson e eaker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Father Seyer baptized me at Corpus Christi in 1952 and was a very good friend to our family, Howard and Frances Barry. Sincere condolences to the Seyer family.*

Marianne Barry Jansen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *One of Father Jim's favorite adages was "when I marry them, they stay married!" Alice and I have been married for 43 years! I can see him now, sharing a joke with Jesus!*

Charlie (Bruce) Riehn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *It was a pleasure to know Father Seyer. He had a funny story every mass. God Bless him, he gave my mother last rights 1 year ago. I never had a chance to thank him. The world lost a gem RIP Father Jim*

Sally Job Schlegel - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *It was always a special treat when Fr. Seyer celebrated Mass for us at St. Mary's Cathedral school. We students would giggle at his jokes and repeat them at recess! He had a beautiful homily to follow the jokes, however, and I loved knowing the Fr. Seyer was always close by even though I grew up, moved away, and saw him only on occasion in later years. God bless him and bring him eternal peace and happiness!*

Lisbeth Hendrix Hostetler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Thank you for celebrating Mass at St. Benedicts many times over the years. You are remembered fondly. Rest in peace, Father Seyer

Parishioners of St. Benedict Catholic Church - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ rest in peace Father

Jim and MaDonna Abernathy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I knew of Father Jim for as long as I can remember. He was a dear, lifelong friend of my grandmother, Winnie Riehn of Cape Girardeau. He also married my parents, Charles and Alice Welker Riehn. I got to know him personally through the death of my Grandma in April of 2012. We sat at her deathbed together and I was in awe of his gentle spirit, sense of humor at all the right times, and his incredible memory. A difficult time was made precious by his company. I know my Grandma is happy to be with her dear friend in heaven and I am thankful for his restored body. I am blessed to have known him even a little.

Katie Riehn Whitaker - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ He might be answering for some of those corny jokes. HA Seriously, a great example of priest and always enjoyed it when he filled in at St John's in Leopold. Go to your reward Fr...you've earned it. p.s. Put in a good word for us!

Jamie Lutes - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Father Jim as he attended my husband's grandmother last year. What a kind, clever, funny, warm, and special man! What a blessing to have known him. Much love,*
Sara Riehn

Sara Riehn - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM