

Clement F. Lachowsky



FATHER CLEMENT F. LACHOWSKY, C.S.Sp. Born December 2, 1920 in Conway, Arkansas, died July 17, 2008 at Vista Hospital in Perris of Kidney Failure. Father Clem attended St. Joseph's parish during his grade school and High School years from 1926-1938. He was motivated by the Holy Ghost Fathers who staffed the parish. After high school he entered the parish's college seminary in Cornwell Heights, Pennsylvania from 1938-1940. He did his Novitiate at Ridgefield, Connecticut from 1940-1941. Following his work in Ridgefield Father Clem began 67 years of service as a member of the Holy Ghost Missionary Congregation. He studied philosophy at Ferndale in West Norwalk, Connecticut where he received his BA Degree, and studied theology at Villanova University where he received his B.D. and Master's Degree. Aside from his formal education, Father Clem in addition to English spoke Polish and Spanish. Father Clem took his first vows in Ridgefield, Connecticut on August 15, 1941 and his perpetual vows in Ferndale on August 15, 1944. His calling of becoming an ordained priest became reality on March 13, 1947 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. His first assignment was at Cornwell's as a teacher for 9 years. He was the Eucharistic Minister to Mother Katherine Drexel. Father Clem then went on to Rome for spiritual studies. In 1957 he returned to Ridgefield as Novice Master, then on to Glenwood Springs, Colorado as Novice Master from 1957-1965. For 3 years Father Clem was Principal and Director of Gerald High School in Phoenix, Arizona. He then returned to Glenwood Springs as Director. From 1971-1983 he spent his time in Tanlajas, Mexico at San Luis Potosi. In 1983 Father Clem became the Pastor of St. Johns in Tucson, Arizona. In 1986 he was voted to be the Provincial Superior of the Western Provincial of the Holy Ghost Father's in San Antonio, Texas. In 1989 Father Clem served for 1 year as a VA Chaplain in Tucson, Arizona. After Tucson he went on to act as an Administrator at Casa Blanca in Riverside. In 1991 Father Clem was called to his final home as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Hemet where he served faithfully up until and even after his retirement to Casa Laval in 2001. Viewing will be on Thursday July 24, 2008 from 5-8pm, with a 6pm Rosary at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated on Friday July 25, 2008, 9am in the church chapel with a committal following at the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers Cemetery. ON-LINE CONDOLENCES www.miller-jones.com (951) 658-3161 - FD 1286

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