



## Monsignor Patrick Joseph Caverly

June 22, 1932 - September 14, 2017

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Patrick Caverly.

Monsignor Patrick Joseph Caverly was born to James and Agnes Caverly and grew up with three brothers and one sister. He was ordained on June 10, 1961 at the Cathedral of the Assumption in County Carlow, Ireland, by Bishop Keogh and was sent to serve in Florida. Upon his arrival in Florida, he served at Bishop Barry High School and Holy Family Parish in the Diocese of St. Augustine (now Diocese of St. Petersburg). In his years of service with the Diocese of Orlando, Monsignor Caverly served as President of Santa Fe Catholic High School beginning in 1967 and in 1968, he was also appointed Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Lakeland. He was instrumental in the creation of the diocesan-wide Bishop's Appeal for its ministries.

In 1972, he began his tenure as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Altamonte Springs, where he oversaw the construction of its church. In 1981 he embarked on his "longest assignment," when Annunciation Parish in Altamonte Springs was established. He served as Pastor there until his retirement in 2011.

In 1991, Monsignor Caverly was named Vicar General of the Diocese of Orlando. In 2005, he was given the title of Monsignor, Prelate of Honor and in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI named Monsignor Caverly a Protonotary Apostolic

Supernumerary, the highest honor the Pope confers on priests.

He was awarded the Catholic Charities of Central Florida Hope and Opportunity Award in 2010 for his leadership in raising funds in support of people in need. The Annunciation Fall Festival donates all of its proceeds to local charities, a practice begun by Monsignor Caverly and which continues to this day. Under his guidance, Annunciation Parish also gave \$1 million to the San Jose Mission in Pierson, which serves a mostly migrant community, to expand its worship space and build a multipurpose building for the Catholic community.

Monsignor Caverly led or served on a number of diocesan boards, including, but not limited to Diocesan Finance Council, Real Estate Committee, Pension/Investments Committee, Insurance Committee, Building Committee, Presbyteral Council, Task Force on Diocesan Services, Secretary to Christian Life Education Secretariat, Secretary of Administration, and College of Consultants.

In a 2011 interview with the Florida Catholic, Monsignor Caverly shared that his greatest joy had been, "introducing Christ to others" and that his greatest hope was to, "one day see God face to face." He had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother and encouraged all to pray the rosary.

Monsignor Caverly continued in residence at Annunciation Parish as Pastor Emeritus until his death. He passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14th – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. He is survived by two brothers, Monsignor Bernard Caverly of the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Vincent Caverly of Rochester, NY.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Reception of the Body:

Tuesday, September 19, 3:00 p.m.

Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Gabriel Life Center, 1020 Montgomery Rd,  
Altamonte Springs

Vigil:

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Gabriel Life Center, 1020 Montgomery Rd,  
Altamonte Springs

Viewing will continue on Wednesday, September 20 at Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Gabriel Life Center, 9:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m.

Funeral Mass:

Wednesday, September 20, 5:00 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs

Monsignor Caverly will be interred in Ireland.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Father Caverly will be forever loved because he loved ❤️ .....  
Father Caverly said yes to Jesus and in so doing changed his life  
and the life of those he encountered through Jesus Christ's mission  
of Salvation for all .. Father Caverly spent his life bringing the  
Gospel to others and in so doing made it easier for others to also  
see the love of Christ. It isn't hard to understand why he had such  
an affection for our Blessed Mother Mary because she too through  
her great "yes" was a fervent desiple with an unquenchable love for  
Jesus.*

*I will never forget the Ash Wednesday I received Ashes from Father  
Caverly , his deep blue eyes with dialated pupils were filled with so  
much love it had to come from God ...*

*Rest In Peace Father and may you enjoy the love you were  
destined to have .There will be mourning by all who love you but I  
will pray that they allow their hearts to heal in the comfort of their  
memories ...*

*Thank you Father Caverly for touching my heart ❤️*

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**Ed Cote** - September 17, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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“ *From Tricia, Art and Kevin, Brian & Melissa  
Madden purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for  
the family of Monsignor Patrick Joseph Caverly.*



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**From Tricia, Art and Kevin, Brian & Melissa Madden** -  
September 17, 2017 at 12:59 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Allinson Family with our dear Father Pat



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**Russel Allinson** - September 16, 2017 at 01:49 PM

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“ To a priest friend of great spiritual and human quality who blessed this world with kindness and love. May the Almighty grant him eternal joy and comfort those who miss him dearly.

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**Paul Vilhan** - September 16, 2017 at 05:55 AM