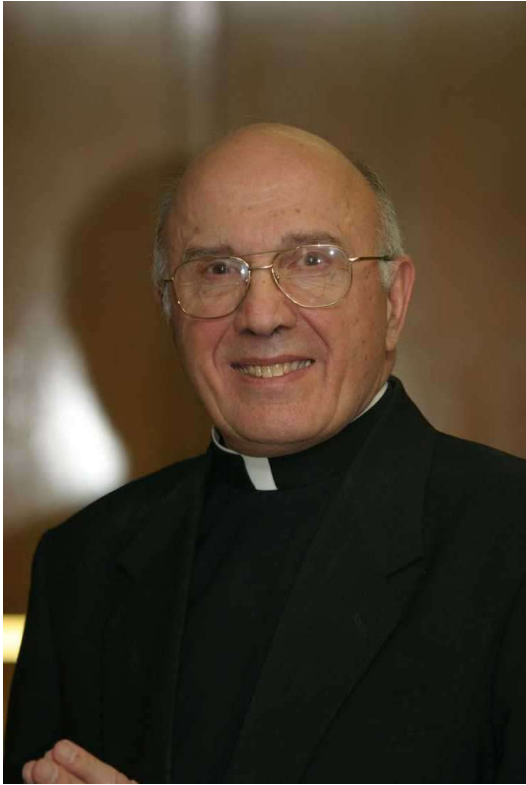


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Father Anthony Russo died during the night in the early am on March 31, 2020 while in hospice care at Stella Maris, Timonium, Maryland. All who knew and loved Fr. Russo mourn his passing and also rejoice in his heavenly homecoming. He served and loved us with all his heart, just as he served his Lord, Jesus and loved God with all his heart. We are so grateful for his many years of service to the Deaf Catholic Community.

Funeral Arrangements: Due to the Corona Virus, arrangements for the Funeral Mass will not be announced until after the quarantine. The Mass, Visitation and burial will be in Philadelphia.

Condolences, Mass cards or Memorial Donations can be sent to the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or the Redemptorist Community.

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Fr. Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R. - Died March 31, 2020. He was born in Passaic, NJ on November 1, 1933; The son of Fausto Russo and Yolanda Russo (De Capite) both deceased. He had one sister, Janet who is also deceased. He was baptized at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church on December 10, 1933. He attended Clifton Public School #8, Clifton High School, Virginia Military Institute where he received a degree in Civil Engineering. He attended St. Mary's, North East for Philosophy, 58-59. His profession was at Ilchester on August 2, 1960. He attended Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, NY 1960-1966. His ordination was on June 20, 1965. After Second Novitiate at Annapolis he was assigned to St. Boniface, Philadelphia until it closed. When St. Boniface closed, he moved to Visitation Parish and continued his work with the Deaf Community. He ministered as the Coordinator of the Deaf Apostolate, Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1967- 2012 when he retired. At that time he continued to serve as a senior priest, saying Mass in ASL and giving spiritual direction.

Fr. Anthoy Russo wrote three books: *Made by Hand, A C atechesis for the Deaf, Topic: Creation; The God of the Deaf Adolescent: An inside view; and In Silent Prayer A History of Ministry with the Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*

May he rest in the peace of the Savior.