

# Rev. Cosmas P White

## 41<sup>st</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1987-89



Cosmas P. White was born January 6, 1929 in New York to Francis and Marie Masterson White.

After attending Catholic grade and high schools in New York he served in the Army from 1946 to 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University before moving to Los Angeles to work there.

Cosmas entered Mount Angel Seminary in 1953, began his Novitiate in 1956, was professed a monk of Mount Angel Abbey in 1957, and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1961. Following his ordination, Rev. Cosmas served faithfully in a number of assignments that included teaching and administering at two high schools. He spent five years at Ascension Priory after which he began his years of very active pastoral work at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook, St. Agatha's Church in Portland for 21 years, St. Paul's Church in Silverton, and finally at Mount Angel Towers.

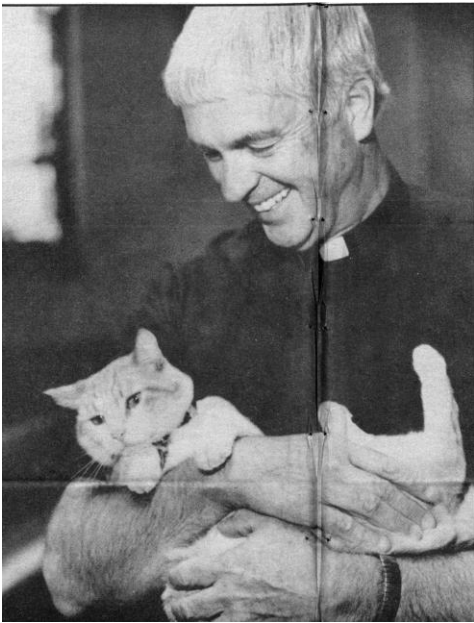
Rev. White was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1987–89.

Rev. Cosmas celebrated fifty years as a priest in 2011. When his health started to decline, he was cared for by his fellow monks and by the health care staff of Mount Angel Abbey. Two days before his death, Abbot Jeremy anointed Rev. Cosmas with the whole community present. He opened his eyes joyfully in recognition of the presence of the praying community, and, though unable to speak at the end, he expressed his "Amen" to the prayers by squeezing the Abbot's hand.

Rev. Cosmas P. White died on April, 27, 2017 at the Mount Angel Abbey in Saint Benedict, OR

He is buried at the Mount Angel Abbey Cemetery, Mount Angel, OR.





*"It's not the Church's truth that attracts people to it. It's not hierarchy, it's certainly not dogma. People are most often brought to the church through the love of another Catholic." Rev. Cosmas White, 1984, Portland, OR*

