Rev. William J. O’Brien, C.M.

1938- 2026

Father William O’Brien, C.M. passed peacefully in the early hours of March 14 in St. Catherine’s Infirmary, located in the Vincentian Motherhouse in Philadelphia.

Throughout his ministry, Father O’Brien served in the Diocese of Buffalo in various roles. Notably, he was the Pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish in Niagara Falls 1979-1992 and served as the Executive Director of Our Lady of Angels Association.

Additionally, he was the local Superior of the Vincentian Community at Niagara University.

Ordained a priest in 1967, Fr. O’Brien dedicated 33 years to parish ministry, serving in four Vincentian Parishes, three of which were dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

He also held leadership roles in both Marian Associations: The Association of Our Lady of Angels and the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, both sponsored by the Eastern Province of the Vincentians.

Fr. O’Brien served as Executive Director of Our Lady of Angels Association at Niagara University from 1992 until 2021.

He devoted his life to the Church, the Vincentian Community and the Blessed Mother with unwavering devotion.

May he now enjoy the Eternal Promise that he preached of in his life.