

Fr. Reynaldo A. Garcia, SJ December 10, 1937, to June 26, 2013

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the life of **Fr. Reynaldo A. Garcia**, **S.J. (CDT)**, who died at 12:40 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. May he rest in peace.

Father Garcia was born on December 10, 1937 in Manila, Philippines. He entered the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1968 at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, Louisiana. He was ordained a priest on December 30, 1976 at St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, and took final vows on December 3, 1990. Father Garcia transcribed from the New Orleans Province into the former Detroit Province on December 8, 2009.

During his studies, he earned many degrees including a BA in Science and Humanities from lowa State University in 1958 and a certificate of Physiotherapy from Western Michigan University in 1963. He also earned an MDiV from the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago in 1977 and an MPC (master's in pastoral counseling) from Loyola University Chicago in 1987.

Father Garcia worked in the social apostolate and did pastoral work throughout his Jesuit life. He was a regent in the Philippines at Centro Presidente Kennedy, Campinas (1972-1974), and as a priest at Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City (1982-1986). He was an associate pastor at the Slum Resettlement Area, San Pedro Laguna (1978-1981) before becoming a chaplain at Cook County Hospital, Chicago (1987-1992). Father Garcia also served as associate pastor at Gesu Church, Miami (1993-1995 and 1997-1998) and did pastoral work in the Bahia Province, Manaus, Amazonas (1995-1997). He was pastor of St. Wenceslaus in Suttons Bay, Michigan (1999-2005). Fr. Rey served as Associate Pastor for Hispanic Ministry while he was in residence at St. Wenceslaus Parish in Gills Pier and also served as the Sacramental Minister for Holy Rosary Parish in Cedar. On July 1, 2000 he became Pastor for Pastoral Matters of the Diocesan Mission to Hispanics until 2005 when he left the Diocese of Gaylord. He also served as an associate pastor (2005) and pastor (2006-2010) at St. Anne de Michilimackinac parish on Mackinac Island. He then went on to work at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (2010-2012) before moving to Colombiere Center in 2012 where he remained until his death.

Wake:

Monday, July 1, 2013 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Colombiere Center 9075 Big Lake Road Clarkston, MI 48346-1015

Funeral:

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 10:45 a.m.

Colombiere Center 9075 Big Lake Road Clarkston, MI 48346-1015

Burial Service:

Immediately following the funeral

Memorial gifts:

Memorial gifts may be made to The Jesuits, 2050 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.