

FR. JOSEPH A. SEITER, C.S.SP.



Fr. Joseph A. Seiter, C.S.Sp. of Bethel Park, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, died peacefully Saturday, September 2nd at Libermann Hall, Bethel Park, PA, at the age of 87. Father Seiter was born on February 25, 1936, in Morrison Bluff, AR. He professed his vows as a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit on August 22, 1957, at Holy Ghost Novitiate in Ridgefield, CT, and was ordained to the

Priesthood on June 6, 1962, at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale in Norwalk CT. Fr. Seiter's was first appointed to East Africa in the District of Kilimanjaro and ministered there for twenty years. Upon returning to the States, he served at St. Joseph's Parish Bay City; St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston TX; Our Lady of the Valley in Hemet CA and the South Texas Medical Center in San Antonio TX. In succeeding years, he was pastor of Sacred Heart in Morrilton, AR, and at St. Rose of Lima in Carlisle, AR, and the mission of Holy Trinity in England, AR. He was assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception in Ft. Smith AR and then St. Joseph Church in Conway, AR. He obtained retirement status in 2009 and was in residence at Libermann Hall, the Spiritan Retirement Center in Bethel Park, PA. Fr. Seiter was preceded in death by his parents, Charles J. and Mary Ann Ederlin Seiter; his brother, Larry Seiter; and sister, Martha McNeil. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Ketchenside, of Conway, AR, nieces, nephews, and extended family members. There will be a visitation in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park, on Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. with the Funeral Mass being celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at the Spiritan Cemetery section of St. Mary's Cemetery Sharpsburg.

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