

FR. BEN BACINO: 1948-2018

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Ben Bacino who passed away unexpectedly on May 8. Fr. Ben was currently the pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians in Pueblo. He was from Pueblo and ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1975. Please pray for his family, his parish and all those who were near to him. More information will follow.



Fr. Ben Bacino, a longtime Catholic priest for the Diocese of Pueblo, passed on Tuesday, he was 69. He was born in Pueblo and ordained into the Catholic priesthood on June 14, 1975, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel by the late Bishop Charles Buswell for the Diocese of Pueblo.

He will be missed dearly and remembered for the numerous baptisms and weddings he celebrated so generously represented well the highest character of a model pastor, visiting the sick, caring for families in distress, and celebrating Christ in his ministry.

Fr. Bacino was a charter member of the Order Sons of Italy Lodge 2738 in Pueblo among many other community and ecclesiastic boards. Services are scheduled for Thursday, May 17 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Pueblo, interment at Roselawn cemetery and reception to follow at St. Joseph's community center across the street from Roselawn cemetery.

Fr. Ben will always be remembered for his quick wit, extraordinary religious knowledge and for being one of the most down to earth priests who enjoyed engaging with people of all ages -- he made himself part of everyone's life he touched --

Fr. Bacino studied at Resurrection College, Ontario Canada, the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico and completed his formal theological degree at Saint Thomas Seminary in Denver. He served at several parishes across the Diocese of Pueblo, including Sacred Heart, Alamosa; Holy Rosary, Pueblo; St. Mary, Walsenburg; Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick, La Junta; St. Peter, Ordway; Immaculate Heart, Grand Junction; Christ the King, La Veta; Sacred Heart, Gardner; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chama; Holy Family, Pueblo; St. Leander in Pueblo; and was at Pueblo's St. Mary Help of Christians at the time of his death.

Fr. Ben also served as coordinator for Campus Ministry in the late '70s, chaplain at Fremont Correctional Facility, Dean of the Walsenburg-Trinidad Deanery, as a member of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Council, the Clergy Personnel Committee, the Historic Southside Catholic Community committee and was an Alternate Friar for the Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of Order Sons of Italy Southern Colorado Lodge 2738 and the Colorado Italian American Foundation, we extend our thoughts and prayers are extended to Fr. Ben's family and friends --