

Our brother and fellow priest Fr. Pasquale Persico, PIME entered eternal life on Sunday, June 20, 2010. He was 89 years old. Fr. Pasquale was born in Frattaminore, province of Naples, Italy on March 14, 1921. He was ordained a priest on August 6, 1944. He served in southern Italy for a number of years in the PIME. In 1950 he was assigned to the mission of Dinajpur, India. In 1952, when the diocese of Jalpaiguri, India was created, he was one of the first missionaries there and worked there for 18 years. He later returned to southern Italy to help his infirmed mother.

In 1985, he came to the United States to assist in St. Patrick's Parish in Los Angeles, California, and became pastor. Fr. Pasquale was pastor at St. Patrick's until 1991 when he transferred to the PIME House in Tequesta, Florida, where he worked together with Fr. Nicholas Maestrini. He was very active in pastoral ministry, especially at St. Jude Church in Tequesta. In 2007, Fr. Pasquale moved to St. Joseph Assisted Living Community in Jupiter, Florida as resident chaplain.

On June 7 he fell at the airport as he was coming to visit the PIME community in Detroit, and broke his leg. He had successful surgery and was in rehabilitation. On June 20, in the morning, he suffered a major heart attack and passed away. Fr. Pasquale is survived by two brothers, a sister and many nieces and nephews in Italy, in addition to his many friends in Florida.

The funeral will take place at the PIME Regional Headquarters Chapel, 17330 Quincy St., Detroit, Michigan on Tuesday, June 29. There will be a viewing from 9:00 AM until the time of the funeral Mass at 10:30. He will be buried with the other PIME Missionaries at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. Condolences may be sent to: Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME Missionaries, 17330 Quincy St., Detroit, and MI. 48221

Please remember Fr. Pasquale in your prayers and masses.

Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME
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