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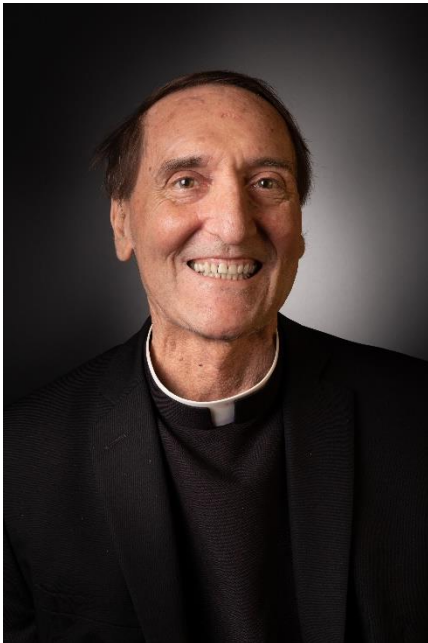
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**Archdiocese of St. Louis Announces Death of Reverend James T. Edwards, Parish Priest
and Resident of Regina Cleri**

ST. LOUIS - It is with great sadness that the Archdiocese of St. Louis announces the passing of Reverend James T. Edwards, a beloved member of the Regina Cleri retirement community and retired parish pastor, yesterday, May 13, 2020.

Prior to his death, Father Edwards tested positive for COVID-19.

Born in St. Louis, he attended St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South, Cardinal Glennon College and Kenrick Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1976 by Cardinal John J. Carberry.



Fr. Edwards' first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles. He was named associate pastor of St. George Parish in Affton in 1980, St. Clement Parish in Des Peres in 1985 and St. Ann Parish in Normandy in 1991. He was appointed administrator of St. Ann Parish in 1993 and pastor there the next year. He served as pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Crestwood from 2002 to 2009 when he retired.

In retirement, Fr. Edwards began serving in 2011 as spiritual director of the archdiocese's Office of Apostolic Services.

There will be a private service for the immediate family subject to the restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 guidelines.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Edwards.

To date, Regina Cleri has confirmed 29 positive cases of COVID-19 among residents of the retirement home. Sadly, four of our retired priests have died. All had underlying health issues before testing positive for COVID-19. The Archdiocese of St. Louis and leadership at Regina Cleri are working with St. Louis County health officials to ensure they are following all appropriate protocols. Previous statements can be found [here](#).

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