

Fr. Brendan Lawless

October 14, 2013

Peter Brendan Lawless was born May 16, 1931, in Portadown, County Armagh, Ireland, the son of the late Bernard Gerald Lawless and Mary (Jennings) Lawless. He died on October 13, 2013 at Mercy Skilled Center in St. Louis, MO.

Fr. Lawless had two siblings, Thomas Cathal Lawless and Brian Patrick Lawless, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his niece, Susan Lawless.

He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 7, 1964. His first solemn Mass was held June 8, 1964, at St. Joseph's Convent in Kilkenny.

Father Lawless's first pastoral assignment was as Associate Pastor at the proto-Cathedral of St. Peter, Jefferson City beginning July 29, 1964. On Oct. 15, 1969, he was appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Cuba and St. Michael Parish in Steelville. He was appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Owensville on June 28, 1977, assuming additional pastoral responsibilities on March 15, 1982, when he was appointed Pastor of St. Alexander Parish in Belle. He later was Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in St. James and Canonical Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Rosati, beginning June 30, 2001. He retired from pastoral ministry in 2004.

The concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Oct. 18, at Immaculate Conception Church in Owensville. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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