



## Fr. John Peter Grigus, O.F.M. Conv.

May 17, 1952 - July 21, 2017

Fr. John Peter Grigus, O.F.M. Conv., 65, passed away Friday, July 21, 2017 at Felician Sisters Convent in Chicago, IL. He was born May 17, 1952 in Poland and had received his Masters of Divinity at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Fr. John responded to the Lord's invitation to religious life, professing his First Vow on August 15, 1985, making his Solemn Vow on January 9, 2000 and became an Ordained Priest on June 3, 1989. He was currently the Rector of the St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine at "Marytown" in Libertyville, IL for the past 20 years and led numerous religious retreats and authored many video presentations & broadcasts.

Surviving are many confreres and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Sophia Grygus.

Fr. Grigus's wake will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Marytown Chapel, 1600 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville with a Franciscan Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Marytown. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville. For info: 8474-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wieczny Odpoczynek Ks.Janie a swiatlo wiekuiste niechaj Ci swieci na wieki wiekow Amen Bog zaplac za twoje Kaplanstwo*

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**Krystyna Miodynski** - June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *To our class mate at St. Michael's the Archangel Grammar School. Rest in Peace John. The class of 1967 has you in our prayers.*

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**Glenn Kadas** - June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



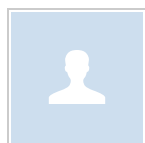
“ *Father John changed my life,and my husbands life.We became daily mass goers.*

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**sue herbes** - June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *An extraordinary priest - he helped so many people through his loving ministry. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Sr. Bernadette Meno** - June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *A holy priest who loves Jesus and the Blessed Mother.*

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June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



*“ FATHER JOHN WAS MY FRIED FOR ALMOST 16 YEARS. HIS COUNCIL ANS FRIENDSHIP WERE COMPLIMENTED BY HIS PRIESTHOOD.I WILL MISS HIM.GOD HAS A GREAT HELPER NOWDICK HEDBERG*

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June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



*“ Father John was a true friend, a wise counsel and a great Priest.For more than 16 years we had a true friendship and he wa always there for me.May God rest his soul and may the movies of his many accomplishments live on in our memories.*

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**Richard Hedberg** - June 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



*“ Fr. John was truly a wonderful priest and touched my husband and myself and many others. He was on a trip to Medjugorje and was our spiritual advisor. Many wonderful memories on that trip and we all were so blessed that he was with us. We will miss him greatly. Many condolences to his family.Barry and Linda Womack*

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**Linda Womack** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM



*“ Eternal Rest Grant Unto Father Grigus O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May he Rest in Peace. Father I will always remember the excellent retreat you gave us at the monastery on Our Holy Mother Saint Clare. You had such great love for Our Lord, St. Francis and Clare and the Franciscan way of life. You will be in Heaven to celebrate the Franciscan Feasts on August 2nd and 11th.*

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**Sister Jacinta** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

DT

“ God's Eternal Peace and Rest Be Upon Fr. Grigus. May He now be Our Newest Angel Watching Over Each Of Us and Guiding Us Onto Our Heavenly Path. With Admiration, Your Sincere Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Rockford, Illinois Debra and Tony Tarara

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**Debra and Tony Tarara** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

JM

“ May you rest in Loving Arms of our Lord. I thank God that he allow me to know you and experience God's love and mercy through you. Your love and compassion is deeply imprinted in my heart. Forever grateful in Christ, Jolanta Margasinska P.S. I'm still amazed how God allow us to meet 38 years ago at First National Bank of Chicago where we work at that time.

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**Jolanta Margasinska** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

TG

“ Fr. John was an exemplary priest and person. Although I never met him in person, I listened to him on Relevant Radio and he was such a personable beautiful man. He had such a simple unabashed way about him. Thank you Fr. John for your witness. When I heard you on the radio I really felt the Holy Spirit speaking through you.

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**Tom Gavin** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

BC

“ A beautiful and wonderful confidant, human and being. I will miss you Father John. Blessed am I to have known you.

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**Bridget Callaghan** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

MD

“ Fr. Grigus is certainly numbered among the saints in Heaven. He was my former spiritual director and aided me in my abortion healing. My condolences to all the friars, family and friends of this wonderful priest. May all the joys of Heaven be his. Thank you, Fr. Grigus. Pray for us!

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**Maureen D.** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

AD

“ Fr. John was a mentor for me. I worked with him when I volunteered at Marytown. He let me work with the media ministry and I was able to edit the talks he needed added to the program. He believed in me when know one else did. He was also my spiritual director. I still have his caring emails from over the years. He is greatly missed.

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**Aaron D.** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM

VB

“ At our annual "roast" tonight at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Rockford, Illinois, I asked someone at our table how Father John was. I and my husband were so upset to hear that he died. He was a wonderful priest and addition to us at St. Anthony's, producing a beautiful brochure on our treasured stained glass windows and working with us on a year-long project to commemorate our church's 100th anniversary with a book. I always assumed because of his last name that he was Greek, but alas he was another of our many Polish descent priests. We hated to see him leave St. Anthony's and tried to correspond with him in Peoria, but he was so focused on building up that church/school...so dedicated and focused. He was a wonderful man with a great smile that lit up the room. We miss him here at St. Anthony's. A funny story is that we took him on the Rock River on our pontoon boat once and broke down. He was such a good sport about it, laughing heartily. We were mortified. I know God welcomed his faithful servant John into his glorious kingdom. Condolences to his family and prayers for his soul. So sorry that you left us all too soon. But, I know that he is in Paradise with Jesus.

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**Valeri DeCastris and David Beccue** - April 27, 2018 at 04:13 AM



“ Rest in peace, Fr. John. Please pray for us.

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July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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July 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM