

Reverend William Vincent Callery Jr., affectionately known as Father Bill, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2025, at the age of 84.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Vincent and Nora Coyne Callery; his sister, Mary Virginia Orner; his brother-in-law, Amos B. Orner Jr.; and Carolyn Sue Callery. He is survived by his brother, John Coyne Callery; his sister-in-law, Joan Mongello Callery; his children, Michael Thomas Callery, John Marvin Callery, and Cheryl Callery Hicks; his daughter-in-law, Debbie Lynn Callery; his son-in-law, Brian Scott Hicks; his grandchildren, Cassandra Lee Callery, Hannah Louise Callery, Elijah Malcolm Hicks, Keira Lynn Callery, Benjamin James Callery, Caroline Mary Hicks, and Adam Daniel Callery; his great granddaughter, Abigail Rose Callery; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Born and raised in the Greenfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Father Bill attended St. Rosalia Grade School and Central Catholic High School, graduating in 1958. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration. Following graduation, he served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, with assignments across various military bases, including a Nike missile site in Seoul, South Korea. Years later, Father Bill answered a deeper calling and began his journey toward the priesthood. He studied at Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, from 1996 to 1998 and Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, from 1998 to 2001, and was ordained in the Diocese of Fargo, ND, in 2001. He served at St. Alphonsus in Langdon, St. Joseph's in Bremen, St. Augustine in Fessenden, Assumption in Dickey, Holy Rosary in LaMoure, and St. Raphael's in Verona, all in North Dakota. Over the years, he faithfully served as pastor, offering spiritual guidance, compassion, and unwavering dedication to his congregations. Even in retirement, as a resident of Emmaus Place of the Diocese of Bismarck, ND, since 2018, Father Bill remained a devoted servant, always willing to assist when called upon.

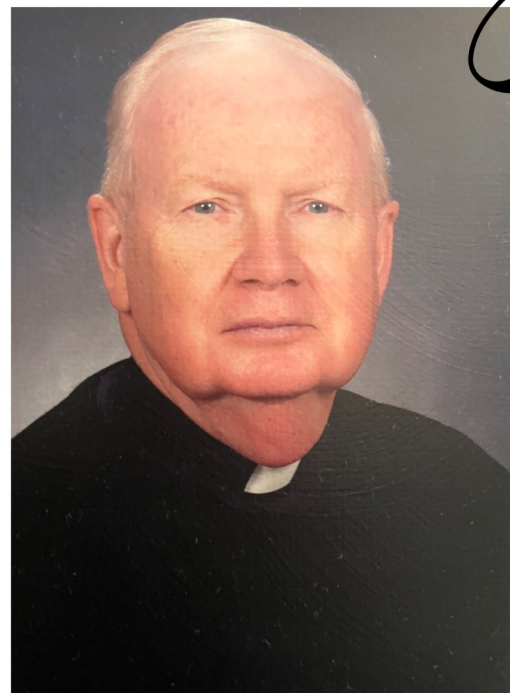
Father Bill never lost touch with his Pittsburgh roots. He followed, and liked to talk about, both the Pirates and the Steelers. On trips back to Pittsburgh, Father Bill always found the time to visit the St. Paul of the Cross Monastery. He found that St. Paul's offered him peace and calm for prayer, as he overlooked the panoramic view of the City of Pittsburgh and its Three Rivers.

Father Bill will be remembered for his humility, generosity, and steadfast devotion to God and His people. His life was a testament to faith, service, and love. Those who knew him were touched by his kindness and inspired by his commitment to living out his beliefs.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in support of priests' care in retirement, through the Diocese of Fargo's Living Our Faith, Building Our Future capital campaign (by mail, to 5201 Bishops Boulevard South, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58104, or online) and/or Emmaus Place (by mail, to 1020 North 26th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501, or online).

As his earthly mission concludes, his family finds comfort in knowing that Father Bill is now reunited with loved ones who went before him, embraced in the eternal peace he so faithfully preached.

# IN LOVING *memory*

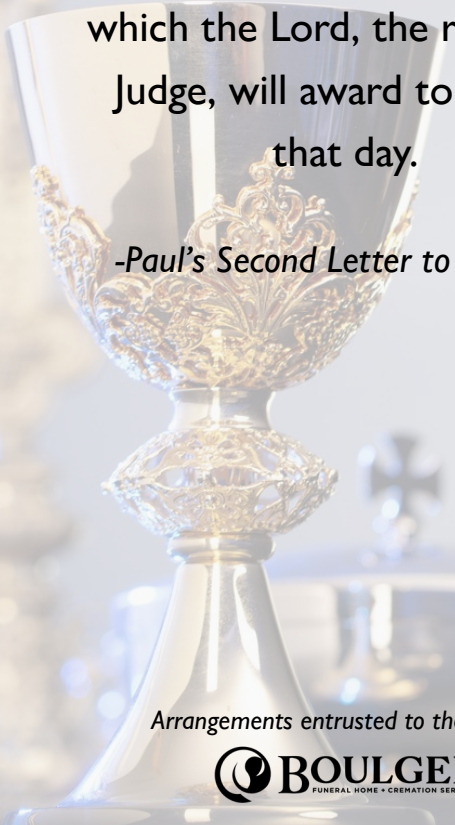


FATHER WILLIAM VINCENT  
**CALLERY**

February 16, 1941



November 6, 2025



The time has come for me  
to leave this life.  
I have fought the good fight.  
I have finished the race.  
I have kept the faith.  
Now there is in store for me  
the crown of righteousness  
which the Lord, the righteous  
Judge, will award to me on  
that day.

*-Paul's Second Letter to Timothy*

Arrangements entrusted to the care of



# FATHER BILL CALLERY

## ROSARY

Thursday, November 13, 2025  
6:30 P.M. Rosary, Knights of Columbus  
Boulger Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center  
Fargo, North Dakota

## VIGIL SERVICE

7:00 P.M. November 13, 2025  
Boulger Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Msgr. Joseph Goering, **Presiding**

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 A.M. Friday, November 14, 2025  
Cathedral of St. Mary  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Most Rev. John Folda, **Presiding**  
Rev. James Gross, **Homilist**  
Father Eric Seitz, **Master of Ceremonies**  
Priests of the Diocese and visiting Priests, **Concelebrants**  
Jennifer Splonskowski, **Accompanist**  
Samantha Dols, **Cantor**

## PALLBEARERS

All of Father's brothers in the priesthood

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Holy Cross Cemetery North  
Fargo, North Dakota