



## Fr. Aniello Salicone SX

November 18, 2020

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, shortly after 9:00 pm, Fr. Aniello Salicone died at Ascension Hospital in Franklin, WI. He was hospitalized since November 14 with symptoms of Covid-19. He was 80 years old, having been born in 1940, in Ariano di Olevano sul Tusciano, Salerno, Italy.

He joined the Xaverian Missionaries at the age of 21. In 1962, he made his first religious profession. He made his perpetual vows in 1965 and received priestly ordination in 1966. In 1967 he was sent to Salerno, first as a vocation director and then as vice rector. After a year of language in London, he left for Sierra Leone. He worked in Kabala, as assistant parish priest, teacher, and then as parish priest. In 1980, P. Aniello received a Master's Degree in Divinity at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and from 1981 to 1989 he was a teacher in the major seminary of Gbanga, Liberia. He returned to Italy for treatment, and from 1990 to 1993 he was rector of the house in Finchley, London. Finally, in 1994, he was assigned to the U.S.A. He worked at the Animation Center in Holliston, Massachusetts, St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, in Chicago, Illinois, and finally he was assigned to Franklin, Wisconsin, where he continued with ministry.

We are grateful for his work, and for the many hearts he touched. May the Lord bless you and

Keep you! May the Lord's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! We thank you all for your continued prayers.

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, Father Salicone's Funeral Mass will be limited. A Memorial Mass for Father Salicone will be celebrated at a later date (once scheduled, you will be notified).

If you wish to express your sympathies to the Xaverian family, please send them to the Xaverian House of Franklin.

Xaverian Missionaries

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The Funeral Mass can be viewed on a livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GkPsZHHS54> on Tuesday, November 24 at 11:30 AM. Interment Xaverian Cemetery, Holliston, MA.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hilary McMahon (Ireland) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Fr. Aniello Salicone SX.



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**Hilary McMahon (Ireland)** - January 06, 2021 at 06:25 AM

ME

“ I am honored, humbled & grateful to share celebrating Fr. Aniello’s life with you all. My deepest condolences to his family whom he loved so very much. I thank God for the gift of Fr. Aniello, and for his unwavering dedication to the priesthood. He was very holy with a special gift of guiding those in religious vocations, especially the seminary.

*Fr. Aniello was my spiritual director for the last few years, my brilliant & scholarly friend whom I loved & trusted unconditionally. I prayed over a year for the right spiritual director. Out of the blue, when least expected, (what I refer to as Holy Spirit humor) Fr. Aniello, began to sit next to me at a lunch event. I redirected him to the other end of the long rectangular table where the other priests & host would be sitting when they arrived. He told me he was right where he wanted to be. I just smiled, feeling humbled and awkward as I didn't know him. The time flew by, we clicked like two old familiar souls. Just before leaving, he told me something about myself that he could not have known. I knew then he was to be my spiritual director. God sent him to me, not because I'm special or anything great, but because he was; he'd open your soul to all that you have hidden or forgotten, bring it forth & raise it up. He said, “the most important healing was Spiritual healing. He showed how much God loved us by how he treated others.*

*Aniello means “Little Lamb”, so fitting as I found his nature to be gentle, humble and unobtrusive. Truly God’s chosen lamb. The word “little” also describes his evangelizing style; simple & straightforward. No filters dripping warmth and fuzziness, no sugar coating, just straight on truth. If you were surprised at his responses, he would simply say, “Just do it. It is not what you want, but what Jesus wants of you”. Since Jesus spoke through him, you didn't question, you just did. He was a man of few words, but his messages/teachings were profound. You just had to check your ego and be humbly wise enough to truly listen.*

*His little ways were so similar to St. Padre Pio and St. Therese. He*

*also had the heart of a lion, larger than life, in his love/passion for the Holy Trinity and Madonna. He loved people unconditionally validating God's perfect placement of him as a holy great missionary priest for over 50 years.*

*Obedient in evangelizing others he'd drive 4-5 hrs. out of state, sometimes a few times a week, to give a healing mass or attend a prayer group. Often leaving late in the evening. Even though he was in physical pain from his back and knee issues .He never complained. He never refused an invite. When someone asked about the end times and his thoughts on it, he said, "what is there to fear when you prepare, trust and have faith?" Do you not know where you are going?*

*During his eulogy, his fellow missionary priest said he found the last rites folded on a piece of paper in his pants pocket. That his missionary room was left tidy like no one was ever there. During this time of Covid, was he thinking he may not be given last rites, confession or holy Eucharist? Did he know his time was near? I spoke with him from the hospital, he was in good spirits, we even laughed about some things. I believe not only did he know, but he was completely prepared! He had been preparing his whole life!*

*For being Italian, he was not much of a hugger. I was. I would bear hug and plant a kiss on his cheek/forehead each time we met. He simply smiled with complete tolerance and kindness.(I choose to believe, in his heart he liked it)*

*In ending with his famous words, "Thank you Jesus for loving me as your #1. Help me to love you, myself, and all others, the way you love me".*

*Shalom, my friend, I will love you always. Hold the piece of my heart you took close to yours, as I practice patience waiting with God graces to see you again in heaven.*

*I can now hear you saying, "That's too long, too much!"*

*Mari Esposito*

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**Mari Esposito** - December 04, 2020 at 06:58 PM

RC

“ *Fr Aniello was a very dear friend of mine. We shared many great times together. i attended many Masses where I can attest to seeing him through Our Lord Jesus. perform many Miracles and witnessed many healing.*

*He was always a great friend and teacher.*

*We ate together, laughed together and prayed together.*

*I will always remember him and will see him again in Heaven.*

**THANK YOU JESUS FOR LOVING ME....AS YOUR NUMBER ONE.**

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**Rudy Clai** - November 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM

DO

“ *Fr Aniello was a blessing from heaven to many. I'm certain I was the smallest mustard seed he had ever met and he has assisted me over the last 10 yrs to know and love my Catholic. His absence leaves a hole in my heart however; his presence in heaven is much more valuable to me as a sinner!*

*“Thank you Jesus for loving me as your #1. Help me to love you, others and myself as you love me!” Fr Aniello*

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**Donna** - November 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM

DP

“ *He always miles at me gave a blessing and a pat on the head . he was loved, he will be missed*

*Donna Pelsi*

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**Donna Pelsi** - November 23, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JW

“ *Fr Aniello brought me peace in a very difficult time. He brought me to our Lords embrace of love and will always be in my prayers.*

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**Jean Wojcik** - November 22, 2020 at 09:43 AM

JE

“ *Jean Wojcik, Donna Pelletier, Mari Esposito purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Fr. Aniello Salicone SX.*



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**Jean Wojcik, Donna Pelletier, Mari Esposito** - November 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JM

“ *I'll miss you Father Aniello.... it was a privilege to be called Son by you for these many years... i owe you a lot...*

*Joe Musser*

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**Joe Musser** - November 21, 2020 at 01:21 PM