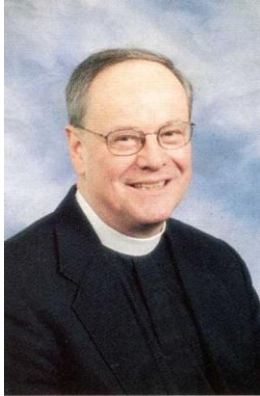


Monsignor Howard Calkins
June 11, 1940 --- April 14, 2017



Fr. Sammy Taylor has reported that one of the giants of our fraternity, Howie Calkins, has died. Howie had been an early leader of the fraternity on the East Coast and had served as our National Responsible from 1979 through 1985. For the past few years, his Good Friday and participation in the Paschal Mystery have been experienced through the fog of Alzheimer's. Praise God his Easter has come and it is time for him to now enjoy new and everlasting life.

Msgr. Howard Calkins, who had served as pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Mount Vernon, beginning in 1996, retired on November 1, 2012. Howie had also served as regional vicar of the South Shore Vicariate from 1997 until 2010. He was pastor of St. Joseph of the Holy Family parish, Harlem, 1982-1995 where his Funeral Mass will most likely take place. He was co-pastor of St. Jerome's, the Bronx, 1980-1982. He also served as parochial vicar of the following parishes: St. Charles Borromeo, Harlem, 1996; Corpus Christi, Manhattan, 1976-1980; St. John's, Kingsbridge, the Bronx, 1971-1976; and St. Matthew's, Hastings-on-Hudson, 1967-1971. He was ordained in 1967 and named a monsignor in 1990.