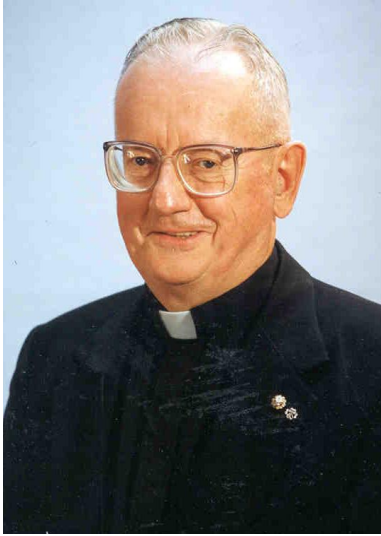


Reverend Richard Arthur Kosterman



Reverend Richard A. Kosterman entered eternal life on February 24, 2016 at the age of 92. He was born July 2, 1923 in Racine, Wisconsin to Arthur W. and Elizabeth (Schibilsky) Kosterman. He served in the Navy during World War II and then entered Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, graduating in 1949 as Doctor of Optometry. He practiced optometry for 40 years and after his wife of 37 years, Frances, passed away he attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. He was ordained a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of Hartford before applying for incardination to the Diocese of Gaylord. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1993 by the Most Reverend Patrick R. Cooney at St. Mary Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Gaylord, Michigan. Father Dick was fond of saying, "A person's eyes are the windows to their soul. I was taking care of the windows to the soul, now I'm taking care of their souls."

Following his ordination, Fr. Kosterman served as Temporary Administrator for the parishes of St. James in Whittemore and St. Pius X in Hale. On August 9, 1995 he became Pastor for St. Raphael Parish in Copemish and retired to Senior Priest status on July 19, 2006. After his retirement he returned to Wisconsin where he had practiced optometry for 40 years and served as Sacramental Minister in over 40 parishes wherever he was needed.

Fr. Kosterman is survived by daughters, Mary (Terry) Walker of Warrenville, IL and Therese Kosterman of Antigo, WI; sons, Dr. Daniel (Rita) of Alaska, Robert (Cindy) of Hogarty, Paul of Hammond, John (Carol) of Covington, WA and James (Kim) of Ames, IA; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a brother, LeRoy (Carol) of Berlin. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rita Warden; sisters, Sr. Kathreen Kosterman and Mary Zibley; and brothers, Robert, Eugene, David and Daniel.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 26 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Strasser Roller Funeral Home, 504 Edison Street, Antigo, Wisconsin. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 27 beginning at 10:00 am until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at St. John Church, 415 Sixth Avenue in Antigo. Father Kosterman will be entombed at Queen of Peace Mausoleum in Antigo. Friends may visit online and view the family obituary at www.strasserrollerfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1235 University Boulevard, Steubenville, OH 43952-1763, where Fr. Dick studied while on sabbatical.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him;
may he and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*