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**Subject: Death notice of Fr. Patrick J. Donahoe, TOR  
Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, USA**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our brother



**FR. PATRICK J. DONAHOE, TOR**

Father Patrick J. Donahoe, TOR, 68, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died early Thursday morning, August 27, 2015 at Saint Francis Friary-Mt. Assisi, Loretto, Pennsylvania, after a brief illness.

He was born on August 16, 1947 in Wilmington, Delaware and given the name John Patrick at his Baptism at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington. He was the son of the late John Daly Donahoe and Anne G. Malloy Donahoe. He attended St. Elizabeth Grade School and graduated from St. Elizabeth High School in Wilmington, Delaware. After high school graduation, he attended St. Francis College (University), Loretto, Pennsylvania.



He entered the Third Order Regular at St. Bonaventure Friary, Loretto, Pennsylvania on August 25, 1967 as a postulant. On May 31, 1968 he entered Sacred Heart Friary, Winchester, Virginia as a novice and professed first vows on June 1, 1969. He professed solemn vows on June 1, 1972 at Sacred Heart Friary in Winchester, Virginia. Fr. Patrick was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1974 by the late Bishop Adrian J.M. Veigle, TOR, D.D., Bishop of Borba, Brazil at Immaculate Conception Chapel, St. Francis College (University), Loretto, PA.

Fr. Patrick received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and French from St. Francis College (University) in May 1970. He completed his Theology studies at St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, PA and received a Masters of Divinity degree in May, 1974. In 1975, he received a Master of Arts degree in French from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1980, he received a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Fr. Patrick spent a year in 1996 doing post graduate studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA and at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

During his life Fr. Patrick served as a faithful Franciscan Friar in the ministries of the Province. He taught or was involved in campus ministry at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio and at St. Francis University, Loretto, PA. He was acting pastor at St. Wenceslaus and St. Ann Church, Baltimore, Maryland. He was parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church, Herndon, Virginia.

For five years, he was executive secretary for the Franciscan Friars Conference. For eight years he was on the leadership team for the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Provincial Councilor. He was Director of Formation for the Province and superior of Saint Francis Seminary, Toronto, Ontario. For many years he was a member of the Apostleship of the Sea of the USA and served as cruise ship chaplain on many voyages. From September 2012 until the present, Fr. Patrick served in the ministry of prayer at St. Francis Friary-Mt. Assisi, Loretto, PA.

Fr. Patrick was a gentle and sensitive man and had a wonderful *esprit de corps*. Fr. Patrick is survived by a sister, Mary E. Donahoe Mahon and husband Steven Mahon and two nephews, Louis Mahon and Matthew Mahon, Hockessin, Delaware and his Franciscan brothers.

Friends were received at the Chapel of St. Francis Friary-Mt. Assisi on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Monday, August 31, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and the Vigil Service was celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Chapel, St. Francis University, Loretto, PA with Very Rev. Richard L. Davis, TOR, Minister Provincial, as principal celebrant. Following the Mass, interment took place at the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery on the campus of St. Francis University, Loretto, PA.



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Please offer the suffrages for the repose of his soul according to articles 61-67 of the *General Statutes*.

Fraternally,



fra Danijel Gornik

Fr. Danijel Gornik, TOR  
Secretary General