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January 06, 1929 - April 27, 2017

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Fr. Cosmas White, O.S.B., a priest of Mount Angel Abbey, died April 27, 2017, at the Abbey in Saint Benedict, Oregon. He was 88 years old.

Vigils of the Dead will be celebrated in the Abbey church of Mount Angel on April 30, and a Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM on May 1, followed by his burial in the Abbey cemetery.

### **Funeral Mass**

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Monday, May 01, 2017  
10:00 AM

Fr. Cosmas was born January 6, 1929, in New York to Francis James and Marie Mary (Masterson) White. After attending Catholic grade and high schools in New York he served in the Army from 1946 to 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University before moving to Los Angeles to work there.

Fr. Cosmas entered Mount Angel Seminary in 1953, began his Novitiate in 1956, was professed a monk of Mount Angel Abbey in 1957, and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1961. Following his ordination, Fr. Cosmas served faithfully in a number of assignments that included teaching and administering at two high schools. He spent five years at Ascension Priory after which he began his years of very active pastoral work at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook, St. Agatha's Church in Portland, St. Paul's Church in Silverton, and finally at Mount Angel Towers.

Fr. Cosmas celebrated fifty joyful years as a priest in 2011 surrounded by his brother monks and many of his former parishioners who loved and appreciated him. Father's health declined over the past several years, but he was well cared for by his fellow monks and by the health care staff of Mount Angel Abbey. Two days before his death, Abbot Jeremy anointed

Fr. Cosmas with the whole community present. He opened his eyes joyfully in recognition of the presence of the praying community, and, though unable to speak at the end, he expressed his "Amen" to the prayers by squeezing the Abbot's hand. He is survived by his brothers, Frank of New York and Anthony of Connecticut, his nieces and nephews, and his monastic community.

- Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B., & Community, Mount Angel Abbey

## SERVICES

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*Mt. Angel Abbey Catholic Church*

One Abbey Lane

St. Benedict, Oregon 97373

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