



**REV. RICHARD JOHN COLGAN, C.S.P.**

**February 19, 1952 - May 25, 2020**

**Entered the Novitiate September 12, 1974  
Made Final Promises on September 15, 1978  
Ordained a Priest on May 19, 1979**

# MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

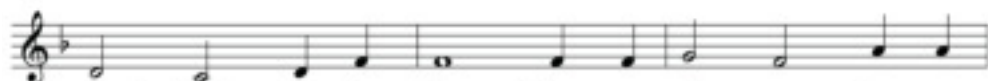
## GATHERING SONG

### Healing River of the Spirit

Ruth Duck, Beachspring



1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, Bathe the  
2. Well-spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that  
3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us



wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our  
flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our  
chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by



sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.  
sens - es, May our lives re - flect your peace.  
con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.



Wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has  
Grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your  
Sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our



lured us from your side, We dis - cov - er in your  
Church en - act your grace. As we meet both friend and  
wind - ing hu - man course, Till we find our way to -



pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.  
stran - ger, May we see our Sav - ior's face.  
geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116

*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones*

I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.  
I kept my faith, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted”;

What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

SECOND READING  
Revelations 14:13

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

GOSPEL  
John 21:15-19

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jesus] said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

OFFERTORY SONG  
Unless A Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,



it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If an - y one serves \_\_\_ me, then they must fol - low me;
3. † Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you,
5. † Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;
6. † Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;



to Refrain

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. \_\_\_
2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. \_\_\_
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. \_\_\_
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. \_\_\_
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

# COMMUNION SONG

## These Alone Are Enough

Dan Schutte



1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my mem - o -
3. I sur - ren - der, Lord, all I have and
4. When the dark - ness falls on my fi - nal



1. dreams. Take my mind with all its plans and
2. ry. Take my tears, my joys, my lib - er -
3. hold. I re - turn to you your gifts un -
4. days, take the ver - y breath that sang your



1. schemes.
  2. ty.
  3. told.
  4. praise.
- } Give me noth - ing more than your love and



- 1-4. grace. These a-lone, O God, are e-nough for me.

# SONG OF FAREWELL

## In Paradisum



In pa - ra - dí - sum de - dú - cant te án - ge - li:  
May an - gels guide you and bring you in - to par - a - dí - se:



in tu - o ad - vén - tu su - sci - pi - ant te már - ty - res,  
and may all the mar - tyrs come forth to wel - come you home;



et per - dú - cant te in ci - ví - tá - tem san - ctam  
and may they lead you in - to the ho - ly cit - y,



Je - rú - sa - lem. Cho - rus an - ge - ló - rum te  
Je - ru - sa - lem. May the an - gel cho - rus sing



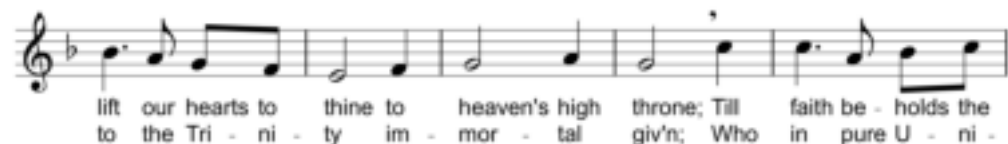
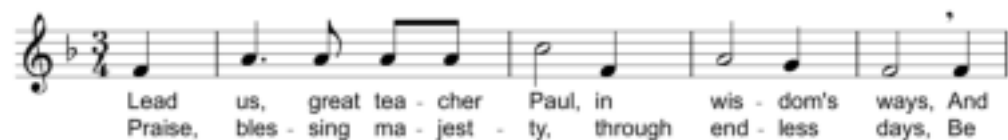
su - sci - pi - at, et cum Lá - za - ro quon - dam  
to wel - come you, and like Laz - a - rus, for - got -



páu - pe - re ae - tér - nam há - be - as ré - qui - em.  
ten and poor, you shall have ev - er - last - ing rest.

# RECESSIONAL SONG

## Lead Us, Great Teacher Paul







Paulist Father Rich Colgan passed into eternal life on Monday, May 25, 2020, at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., from complications due to COVID-19. He was the first Paulist Father to die as a result of the coronavirus. Fr. Rich, 68, had served as director of novices at our seminary since 2011. He had been a part of the Paulist community for nearly 46 years and a priest for 41 years.

He was born on February 19, 1952, a son of the late Robert Colgan and Marguerite LaBombard Colgan. He grew up on a dairy farm in Ellenburg Depot, NY.

He entered the Paulist novitiate on September 12, 1974, made his first promise to the Paulist community on August 16, 1975, and his final promise on September 8, 1978. He was ordained a deacon on October 15, 1978, and ordained a priest on May 19, 1979.

Fr. Rich began his priesthood as a Catholic campus minister at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Clemson, SC (1979 to 1983) and McGill University in Montreal, Canada (1983 to 1984). He then moved to New Jersey where he served as associate novice master at the Paulist novitiate in Oak Ridge, NJ, while also assisting at Paulist Press (1984 to 1987). From 1987 to 1990, he was associate pastor at our mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City. During these years, he was a chaplain at Roosevelt Hospital and ministered with patients living with HIV / AIDS. In 1991, Fr. Rich moved to Toronto, Canada. In 1992 and 1993, he served there at St. Peter's Church and Toronto's Catholic Information Center. From 1993 to 1997, he returned to campus ministry, serving at the Newman Center in Minneapolis, MN. His next assignment was the Paulist Center in Boston from 1997 to 2003. In 2003, Fr. Rich moved to St. Philip Neri Church in Portland OR, where he served as associate pastor and then pastor from 2004 to 2008. In that role, he worked with the parish's young adults to start an environmental festival called the Muddy Boot festival. In Autumn 2008, he returned to Toronto where he became pastor of St. Peter's Church. He served in that role until becoming our director of novices in 2011. In his assignments, Fr. Rich sought to engage in young adult ministry; ministry with Spanish-speaking Catholics; ministry with the LGBT community; and outreach to separated and divorced Catholics.

In addition to his brother Paulist Fathers, Fr. Rich is survived by his mother, Marguerite; his sister, Barbara Roberts and her husband, Ricky; his sister, Audry Bashaw and her husband, Paul; his brother, Mark Colgan, and Mark's wife, Rev. Marion Moore-Colgan; and his brother, Pastor Paul Colgan and his Paul's wife, Jody. He also is survived by his nieces and nephews: Michelle Hamel, Jennifer Plumadore, Daniel Colgan, Robbie Bashaw, Elizabeth Colgan, Rebecca Colgan and Sarah Colgan.

We pray that Fr. Rich and all those who have died from COVID-19 are in God's warm embrace.



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