

Father Chad Puthoff SDS

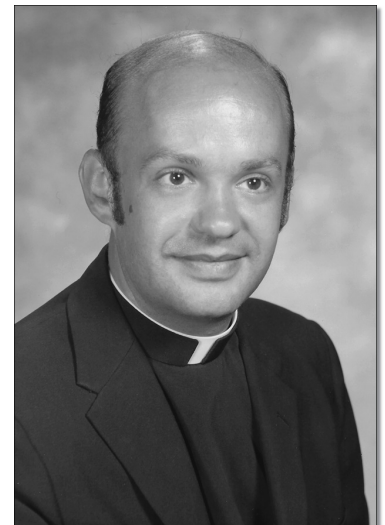
*“Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.”*



Birth: August 26, 1943
Profession: September 8, 1964
Ordination: September 3, 1971
Death: March 24, 2022

Father Chad Puthoff SDS (birth name: Charles Albert) was born to Carl and Margaret (Melcher) Puthoff in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 26, 1943. He was one of three boys in the family. He attended St. Peter and Paul Parish Grade School in Norwood, Nativity Parish Grade School and St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. Sensing a call to priestly ministry, he learned about the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) and enrolled in Jordan Seminary in Menominee, Michigan, for one year of college studies, and Mount St. Paul College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, for the second year of college. He then entered the Society's Novitiate in Colfax, Iowa, where he made his profession of vows on September 8, 1964. He completed his college studies back at Mount St. Paul College and also at Marquette University in Milwaukee, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in History and Philosophy. He taught for two "apostolic years" at Marian High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. While there, he took additional courses at nearby Notre Dame University. He completed his studies for the priesthood at Divine Savior Seminary in Lanham, Maryland, and Washington Theological Coalition in DC, earning Master's Degrees in Theology (from WTC) and History (from Notre Dame). He was ordained at St. Mary's Church in Landover Hills, Maryland, on September 3, 1971.

Fr. Chad returned to teach at Marian High School in Mishawaka for a year, and then he taught for two years in Racine, Wisconsin, at St. Catherine's High School. During those two years, he helped out at St. Rita's Parish in the city, and he became interested in working in parish ministry full time. He was assigned as associate pastor at that parish for a year, and then he spent four years as associate pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Elko, Nevada. Fr. Chad had a growing interest in learning the Spanish language and about Hispanic cultures, and he honed those skills as associate pastor for three years in Delevan, Wisconsin at St. Andrew's Parish where he was assigned to assist in ministry to the Spanish-speaking community. Then, beginning in 1983, Fr. Chad spent the next 13 years at St. Mark's Parish in Phoenix, Arizona, two years as associate pastor and the remaining 11 years as pastor. During a sabbatical year, he spent time increasing his Spanish-speaking skills in Caracas, Venezuela, in Cookeville, Tennessee, and in Mesa, Arizona. From 1997 to 2005, he ministered at Holy Cross Parish in West Sacramento, California, one year as associate pastor and the remaining seven years as pastor.





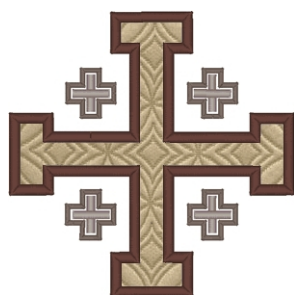
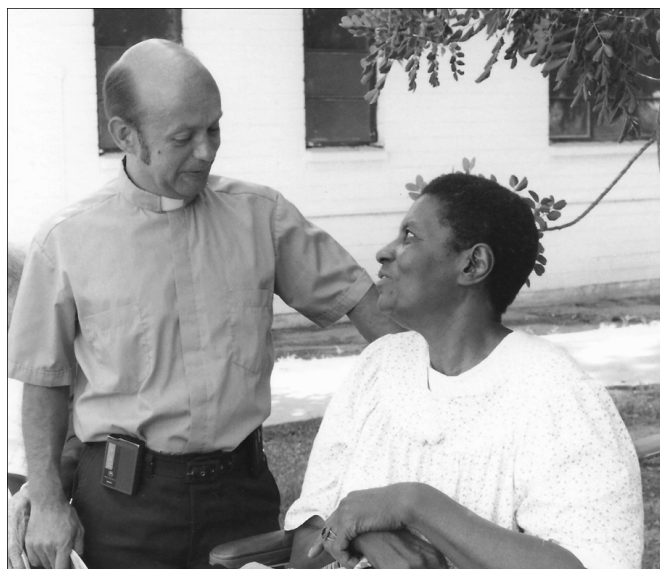
In 2005, Fr. Chad returned to Cookeville, Tennessee, where he ministered for the next 13 years, serving as associate pastor for a year and then as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Besides his ministry to the parish, Fr. Chad also served as chaplain to the ever-growing Spanish-speaking community in Putnam County. Many of the people had come there from Guatemala. He was well-loved by the community and he made them feel at home in their new country.

In 2018, Fr. Chad retired from full-time ministry, and he moved to Birmingham and then Hoover, Alabama, where he helped out in local parish Masses during his retirement years. In mid-March 2022, he was admitted to the hospital for shortness of breath and was placed on a ventilator. Over the course of the next week his health diminished, and he died in the hospital in the morning hours of March 24 at the age of 78.

Fr. Chad was a small-sized man with a big heart. He was also a fast-talking man who loved interacting with people. His sense of humor and his ability to relate to almost anyone endeared him to many people in his various ministries through the years. In addition to his ministerial duties, he aided the USA Province in many ways through his service on various Area and Regional Councils and as a Delegate at numerous Provincial Chapters.

Fr. Chad was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Margaret. He is survived by his two brothers, David (Barbara) and Joseph (Susan) of Cincinnati; four nieces and one nephew; as well as his brothers and sisters in the Salvatorian Family.

*A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at
Prince of Peace Church in Hoover, Alabama,
where Fr. Chad helped out with Masses
during the last couple years.*



Funeral Arrangements:

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

Mother of Good Counsel Parish
6924 West Lisbon Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Visitation:

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial:

11:00 AM

*Interment of Ashes in the columbarium of Salvatorian Cemetery
on Loretto Hill in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, at 3:00 PM*