

## Fr. Louis Osterhage

Born: September 19, 1930

Died: September 13, 2012

Location: Carthage, Ohio



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### Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, September 17

2:00 PM

Assumption Chapel at St. Charles Center

2860 St Rt 127

Celina, OH

### Visitation

Sunday, September 16

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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## Tribute & Message From The Family



Fr. Louis Osterhage, C.P.P.S., 81, died at 3 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012, in the infirmary at St. Charles Center, Carthage, Ohio, where he made his home. He had been in failing health for some time.

### Prayer Service

Sunday, September 16

6:30 PM

St. Charles Center

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Celina, OH

He was born on September 19, 1930, in Kalida, Ohio, to Louis and Molly (Meyer) Osterhage. He entered the Community in 1948 and was ordained on June 1, 1958, in Carthage.

Fr. Osterhage had a variety of ministries during his life as a priest. After a brief first assignment to St. Anthony Church in Detroit, he spent 10 years (1958-68) at Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio, as an associate pastor. In 1968, he was named the dean of students at St. Joseph's College's Calumet, Ind., campus, which later became Calumet College of St. Joseph, sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

He returned to parish ministry in 1973 as pastor of Immaculate Conception in Celina, Ohio. At the same time, he was part of the leadership of the Congregation.

In 1977, he was named assistant to the president of Calumet College of St. Joseph. He served the college as its president from 1981-86, then ministering as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Tiffin, Ohio.

In 1986, he was named pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Glandorf, Ohio. He also served the Congregation as its director of development.

In 1996, he became pastor of St. Joseph Church in downtown Dayton, where he served until his retirement to St. Charles in 2009.

Survivors include six sisters, Mildred Remlinger and Ceil (Don) Gerdeman, both of Kalida, Ohio; Joan (Jerry) Kuhlman, Ottawa, Ohio; Marie (Joe) Langhals, Kalida, Ohio; Ruth Ann (David) Manley, Hinckley, Ohio; and Rita (Roy) Morman, Glandorf; a brother, Robert (Joan), Ottawa, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Osterhage, Columbus Grove, Ohio, and Dorothy Osterhage, Glandorf, Ohio; numerous nieces and nephews, great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alfred, Wilfred, Eugene and Paul; two sisters and their husbands, Rose and Joe

Kistler and Julie and Dave Hamilton; and a brother-in-law, Wilbur Remlinger.

Fr. Osterhage was a strong yet compassionate leader wherever he served. He had a gift of making connections with people that lasted long after he left an assignment. He had a quick and agile mind and many talents that served him well, both in ministry and in administration. He was a constant support to the Congregation to which he pledged his life and was beloved by both his family and the people he served.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Assumption at St. Charles Center. Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S., will preside and Fr. James McCabe, C.P.P.S., will be homilist. Burial will follow in the Community cemetery.

Calling hours at St. Charles will be held from 1-5 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, with a prayer vigil at 6:30 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Society of the Precious Blood.

Arrangements are being handled by Hogenkamp Funeral Home- St. Henry.

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