



## Father Frederick Joseph Barnett

September 9, 1925 - March 19, 2011

Frederick Joseph Barnett was born on September 9, 1925 at Kansas City, Missouri. He was baptized on September 22, 1925 at St. Vincent Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Father Barnett attended Kansas City public grade schools from 1932-1940. His high school education was at Ward High School in 1940-1941, Argentine High School in 1941, both in Kansas City, Missouri; and Maryville High School, Maryville, Missouri in 1942. His studies for the priesthood were at St. John Minor Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri from 1942-1946; St. Louis Preparatory School in St. Louis, Missouri from 1946-1948; and Cardinal Glennon College and Kenrick Theological Seminary in St. Louis from 1948-1952. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on March 8, 1952 by the Most Reverend Joseph M. Marling, CPPS, Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City, Missouri at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri.

Father Barnett's first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Andrew Church in Tipton, Missouri on March 17, 1952. He was named temporary chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Boonville, Missouri on April 1, 1952. On May 15, 1952 he was appointed associate pastor at St. Mary Church in Kansas City. Father Barnett was appointed associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Kansas City on June 18, 1952. He was named associate pastor on June 14, 1955 of St. Peter Church in Marshall, Missouri.

He became a priest of the newly formed Diocese of Jefferson City on July 2, 1956. On September 3, 1957, he was appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Church in Shackelford and the Missions of St. Mary at Mt. Leonard and the Holy Family at Sweet Springs. Father Barnett began his first pastorate on September 18, 1959 at St. Bonaventure Church in Marceline and the Mission of St. Joseph at Hurricane Branch. Beginning October 11, 1959, he served as Ordinary Confessor for the Benedictine Sisters at Immaculate Conception School in Brookfield, Missouri. On October 1, 1969, Father Barnett was appointed pastor of St. Pius X Church in Moberly. He was named pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Columbia on August 27, 1971. While serving in Columbia, he was chaplain of University Hospital, Boone Hospital and the Veteran's Hospital from 1972-1974. He was named administrator of Immaculate Conception Church in Montgomery City from April 25 to June 14, 1973. He became pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Montgomery City on June 14, 1973. Father Barnett was then appointed on June 15, 1976, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Gravois Mills and the Mission of St. Philip Benizi in Versailles. He oversaw the building of the new Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie, dedicated Memorial Day, May 26, 1980. He also oversaw the creation and building of the Mary, Mother of the Church Shrine, dedicated on August 15, 1988, and he oversaw the design and dedication of the life-like statue of Mary on September 13, 1992. Father Barnett pursued the designation of this Marian shrine as a National Shrine, and this title was granted on March 19, 2003. Father Barnett retired from active ministry on July 1, 2006 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Center in Kansas City.

In 1962 he was appointed Director of Rural Life for the Diocese of Jefferson City and named a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. At the request of Bishop Marling and while he was in Marceline, he founded the Movement for Industrial Development in Rural Areas. He was President of the Linn County Rural Areas Development Association and helped organize the nine-county Green Hills Regional

Planning Commission. During his two years of pastoral service in Columbia, Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe appointed him to organize the Diocesan Stewardship Program. He was appointed as Diocesan Director of Development on April 25, 1973 until July 16, 1976. He served as a member of the Diocesan Priests' Senate, as well as Dean of Lake Ozark Deanery. Father Barnett was appointed to the College of Consultors from November 27, 1988 through 1998. He was appointed to the Board of Regents of St. Mary's Health Center, Jefferson City on May 15, 1990.

Father Barnett was invested into the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at the Cathedral of St. Cecilia in Omaha, Nebraska on May 10, 1981, by the Most Reverend Michael F. McAuliffe, Grand Prior.

Father Barnett celebrated his 40th Anniversary of Holy Priesthood Ordination in June 1992 at the Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie, Missouri. His Golden Jubilee as a priest was celebrated March 3, 2002, at the Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie.

Visitation will be at the Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie, Missouri, on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. The Vigil Liturgy and rosary will be prayed at 7:00 pm. Accompanied by the Knights of Columbus, an all-night vigil will take place in the parish chapel. Public visitation will also take place at Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie from 10:00 am until 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, with the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:00 am by Bishop John R. Gaydos.

Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Laurie, Missouri.

Priests are welcome to concelebrate and are kindly asked to bring an alb and

the diocesan stole and chasuble. Deacons are welcome and are asked to bring an alb and the diocesan stole and dalmatic as well.

Father Barnett was a member of the Priests' Purgatorial Society, as are all diocesan priests. Priests are reminded of the obligation to celebrate three Masses for his eternal repose: one within a month, the other two within three months. Those who concelebrate his Funeral Mass may consider it as one of the required Masses for his intention.

Please remember Father Barnett in your prayers and also invite the prayers of your people for him. Please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. We pray that Lord look with mercy upon him and give him the reward of his priestly labors, the fullness of life promised to those who preach the Gospel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
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## Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Father Barnett was not only a great priest but also a wonderful person. We would come to the lake and visit with him and go to mass at St. Patrick's. He would sometimes come over to my brother's lake house after mass for breakfast and a fun visit. We always enjoyed his friendship. He will be missed by so many people. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace - Amen. God bless you Father Barnett.*

*Jim & Deanna Bell  
Overland Park, KS*

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**Jim and Deanna Bell** - March 21, 2011 at 04:49 PM