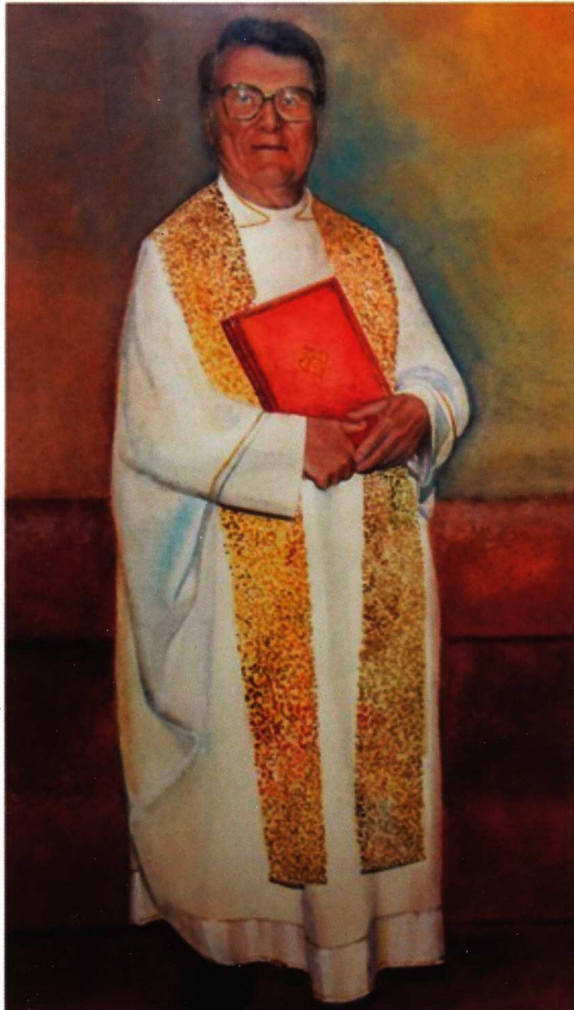


IN MEMORIAM



Father John (Jack) Olivier, S.S.

was a beloved liturgist, musician, chant director and companion on the spiritual journey to so many both inside and outside the halls of St. Joseph's College, Mountain View, CA where he taught from 1947-1965 and of St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA from 1965-1969.

Fr. Olivier retired in 1993 to live in a one-bedroom, hundred-year-old farmhouse at the Pinnacles Ranch of his great friends, Peggy and Stuart Kingman, in Paicines, CA. In 2000, he moved from this "hermitage," as he called it, to the Sulpician retirement community at St. Charles Villa in Catonsville, where he died peacefully slightly before midnight on April 12, 2013.

Peggy recalled the words of a popular song, "Almost Home," that she shared with him the last time they visited only a few years before he died. They seem appropriate now, too:

*"I'm not running,
I'm not hiding,
I'm just falling into the arms of the Great Wide Open.
Gonna pull my soul in
And I'm almost Home."*

One of Fr. Olivier's favorite poems was "A Psalm of E=MC² Easter" by Edward Hays. Its final stanzas capture Fr. Olivier's spirit and spirituality:

*In your infinite design
nothing dies; it only changes form,
until it finally and forever changes into your form,
into the energy of the light of love divine.
Take hope, my heart, be firm my feeble faith,
for the matter of the flesh and bone I call me
will also become an Einstein Easter Event.*

He will be missed by the Sulpicians and so many friends in the East and West.

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