

Rest in Peace . . .

Thursday, November 21, 2026

Reverend Ernest R. Falardeau SSS
1928-2026



Father Ernest died peacefully on November 21, 2026, and we express our gratitude to Holy Family Hospice and Regina Health Center. Born November 14, 1928, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, to Wilfrid and Alboma (nee Roy) Falardeau, he was the last of his siblings to live the faith on earth, as all had preceded him in death. He is the uncle of Joan, Bobby, John, Brian, Karen, Larry, David, Debbie, Cathy, Marc, and Paul, and the great-uncle of many more.

Father Ernest professed vows in the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) on September 8, 1951, and was ordained a priest on September 22, 1956. Known for his groundbreaking work in the theology of the Eucharist and Ecumenism, he was an international leader, writer, and speaker in this field throughout his life, including his final writings in 2024, which reflected his journey with the SSS's *Rule of Life*, from its creation through several SSS General Councils in the late 1960s to its official promulgation in 1984.

Father Falardeau studied in Rome with many of the greats who influenced the Second Vatican Council and wrote about its aftermath. He was ordained at Église Saint Jean Baptiste in New York City on September 22, 1956. He served as a professor at the SSS seminaries, high school, and major seminary, teaching Latin, Greek, French, public speaking, theology, and liturgy (1959 – 1967). He was the rector of Eymard Seminary in Hyde Park, NY (1967 – 1973). After serving as USA

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Vocation Director (1973-1979), he moved to Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he served as parish priest and Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe (1979-2003). He then moved to New York City and served at the parish of Saint Jean Baptiste, where he was parochial vicar and local superior (2003-2007). He continued to write and preach on ecumenism (2003-2019). Because of health concerns, in June 2020, he moved to Bethany Center at Saint Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights, OH, where he lived for four years. For the last two years, he has been at Regina Health Center, Richfield, OH.

His notable works include The Liturgical Press's *One Bread & Cup: Source of Communion* (1987; second edition 1990), *A Holy & Living Sacrifice* (1996), and Paulist Press's *That All May Be One* (2000). He wrote for *Ecumenical Trends* and numerous other theological journals throughout his career. He also received several awards, most notably the NADEO James Fitzgerald Award for Ecumenism (1997) and the New Mexico Catholic Conference Turquoise Chalice Award (2003).

Visitation and the Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Family Chapel, Regina Health Center, Richfield, OH, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026. The Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am. The burial will follow at All Souls Cemetery.

You may make contributions in honor and memory of Father Ernest to the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament at 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

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