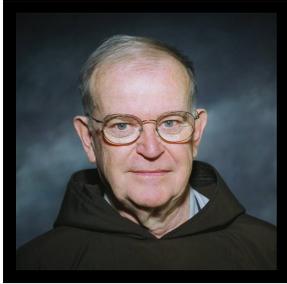


Necrology

Timon Costello
1932-2019



Timon was born into an Irish family of ten children on a farm near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 1932, His inspiration to join the Capuchins came through Gerald Walker; he made his first profession in 1951 and was ordained in 1958.

Timon served in a variety of assignments as a Capuchin. His first was as C.Y.O director at St. Elizabeth Parish, Milwaukee, WI. He did so well that Gerard Hesse called him to begin a PR and marketing office for the Capuchin ministries in Detroit. He was well suited for this.

His most storied ministry happened in Appleton, Wisconsin. He started at St. Joseph Parish. and branched out from there. He began a gathering place for youth called the Cavern coffeehouse. His drive and enthusiasm in engaging the help of persons of all ages and talents led him to expand his energies to serving the marginalized and poor of the Appleton and Green Bay area. He pioneered the Villa Hope halfway house, Villa Phoenix and St. Patrick's book store to help fund the halfway houses.

Poor families in need of adequate housing were helped by a development he initiated. For some twenty-five years he lived with persons looking to transition to a better, healthier life. To quote from one of the many publications he produced about his experience: *...the most precious, innate sense a person can have is to be at home—with himself, with God and with society. Yet not all are fortunate enough, emotionally to attain or to find their home or place in society.*

In 1977, he moved on from Appleton to serve ranchers in Montana, a year in Guam and back to parish ministry in New Mexico where he suffered a series of mini-strokes which brought his ministry days to an end. He entered the retirement community of St. Fidelis in Appleton.

Timon could be hard to live with, and too pushy toward others. But, with Timon, God, to paraphrase an old saying, wrote straight with crooked lines. How, can make one wonder, as did Timon.

In the hospital, when the doctor recommended hospice to him, he asked, What is hospice? When told it was preparation for dying, his eyes lit up and he exclaimed: Wonderful!

Timon died peacefully and is buried in the Capuchin cemetery in Mt. Calvary.

~ Jerome Schroeder