

Obituary

Father Albert Dagnoli, ss.cc., a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary—US Province, passed away on May 14, 2020, in New Bedford, MA, after a brief period of hospitalization.

After his graduation from Bellows Falls, Vermont High School, in 1950, Fr. Al attended St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, Ontario and St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota.



He entered the Novitiate of the Congregation in Fairhaven, MA, and made his profession of vows on August 22, 1962. On May 30, 1968 he was ordained to the priesthood in Jaffrey Center, NH. His first assignment was to St. Francis Church in Acushnet, MA.

In 1970 Fr. Dagnoli received permission from the Congregation to enter the United States Navy. For sixteen years he served as a Navy Chaplain and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his service to crew members onboard the USS Enterprise. In 1986, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he requested retirement from the Navy at which time his commander wrote:

“Commander Dagnoli has done an absolutely superb job of ministering to the spiritual needs and enhancing the morale of over six thousand of the destroyer squadron eight family...making

a magnificent contribution to fleet readiness, retention and most of all, peace of mind. I am saddened at the prospect of losing a splendid chaplain, naval officer, good friend and wise counselor.”

Granted an honorable discharge, he returned to Fairhaven to begin his beloved preaching ministry in parishes around the country, a ministry which he continued to enjoy until his retirement to Damien Residence in 2016.

Due to the current restrictions, a private Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Al's SSCC Brothers at Damien Chapel in Fairhaven, followed by burial in the Sacred Hearts Community Cemetery.