



## Father Richard Roman Walz

March 27, 1949 - September 26, 2014

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN for Father Richard Walz, age 65, who died Friday at his home. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Rockville, MN.

Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Cathedral and from 9:00 a.m. until time of service Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Cathedral. Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m.

Father Richard was born in St. Cloud to Edmund and Annie (Kramer) Walz. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Father Richard was ordained a Catholic Priest on May 28th, 1988 at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN. by Bishop Jerome Hanus, OSB. He served the Diocese of St. Cloud, and the Diocese of Maracay, Venezuela for 26 years.

Survivors include his children, Jonathan Richard (Nina) Walz, and Richard G. (Katie) Walz; Grandchildren, Nathaniel, Nathaly, Nicholas, Noah, Nihel, Nhiam, and Richard; siblings, Frederick (Kathie), Mathew (Barb), Marge (Dale) Hutchinson, Paul (Helen), Peter, Benedict, Raphael (Jean), Charles (Cyndy), Harold (Pam), and John.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary

Rockville, MN 56369

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral  
25 8th Ave S  
St. Cloud, MN 56301

## Visitation

OCT 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



Joe  
Pearse

“ I went to College with Richard and was in the Seminary with Father Rich back at IHM in Winona. Mn. A good man with a kind heart and dedication to those around him and those he served. He Came to the seminary a little bit later in life but had all the zeal of a new student. He loved to talk long walks and talk about faith. I had lost contact with him over the years and am sadden by him departure from this world. May he truly be at rest .I miss you brother.

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**Joe Pearse** - May 09, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ *Father Richard Roman Walz*

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Padre Ricardo , excelente persona , mejor amigo y gran cristiano, ejemplo de vida para muchos jovenes, guia y mentor en la vida espiritual y cristiana .*

*En mi comunidad de 12 de febrero , comunidad eclesial de Santa Ana , construyo en colaboracion de su buena madre la capilla del mismo nombre , para alabar y glorificar a nuestro Padre celestial y a su santisimo hijo Jesus, en muestra de su sentido de caridad y amor al projimo, Padre Ricardo gracias , gracias y que DIOS te de alla en el cielo te cobije y reciba con todo el amor que tu nos distes.*

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**Irza Cromoto Castillo Mercado** - October 12, 2019 at 10:22 PM

MW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of his death. He was a wonderful man and a priest. When I lost my 16 year old grandson he was so good to our family. I asked him why God took Jacob so young and he told me he must have had an important job for him to do and I think the same is true for father Rich. He was loved by everyone. He is now in a wonderful place with no pain and will be waiting for all of us at the golden gate.

*Maggie wold-Levericch*

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**Maggie Wold-Leverich** - October 01, 2014 at 07:10 PM

BK

“ "Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God and was found just: and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation. There was not any found like him, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore by an oath the Lord made him increase among the people. He gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. He acknowledged him in His blessings: He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him; and gave him a great priesthood; and made him blessed in glory. To execute the office of the priesthood and to have praise in his name, and to offer him worthy incense for an odor of sweetness."

*--Wisdom XLIV; 16-27, XLV; 3-20.*

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**Brendan D. King** - October 01, 2014 at 12:15 PM

AW

“ *It pains me that my family will be unable to be present. I am reminded of my birthday one year, how a little birdie helped teach me how long eternity is. May our sorrow be light, Our memories maintain, until we share in that great banquet ever-after.~Andrew Walz family, Winthrop, Maine.*

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**Andrew Walz** - September 30, 2014 at 08:04 PM

JS

“ *My sympathies to the family of Father Rich. He was a very good person....he provided great spiritual guidance to myself and my family on two separate occasions. Rest in peace Father Rich.*

*Judy Schultz*

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**Judy Schultz** - September 30, 2014 at 06:47 PM

“ Anécdotas del Padre Ricardo Walz

Conocí a Padre Ricardo (como cariñosamente le llamábamos su feligresía) ) cuando yo vivía en Las Acacias, una urbanización de corte popular (con humildes barriadas a su alrededor) en Maracay, Venezuela. Entorno, muy a la medida, para el trabajo que deseaba realizar un joven misionero americano llamado Richard Walz. Este joven misionero, recién ordenado sacerdote, venía desde Bolivia, en donde había estado recibiendo clases intensivas de español, para ser, nada más y nada menos, que el pastor de la parroquia San Bartolomé a la cual yo pertenecía. Su designación como pastor de esa iglesia formaba parte de acuerdos entre La Diócesis de Saint Cloud en MN y la Diócesis de Maracay, en Aragua, Venezuela. Traía este joven en su equipaje espiritual un corazón henchido con deseos de servir.. ¿Su principal preocupación? Que hablaba muy poco español. Pero eso no iba a ser obstáculo alguno. Así como los ojos son el espejo para escudriñar el alma, un corazón humilde y sencillo es la mejor tarjeta de presentación para alguien con deseos de servir como instrumento de paz, amor, y misericordia de Dios. Y Padre Ricardo había sido bendecido con dos dones: el don de la humildad y el don de servicio.. Siendo yo profesor de Inglés y Español, las baterías se enfilaron hacia mí y se me pidió que le ayudase a mejorar su español. Para lo cual convinimos en darle clases privadas dos o tres veces a la semana. Circunstancias que me permitieron observar muy de cerca la calidad humana, la sencillez, humildad, y entrega, como servidor de Cristo, de este joven sacerdote llamado cariñosamente “Padre Ricardo”. Quien en su paso por este mundo fue digno ejemplo a seguir para muchos de nosotros. Y no solo eso, sino que, en gran medida, nos abrió caminos para, a través de la paciencia, la disciplina y la perseverancia, lograr mejores senderos en nuestras vidas. Quisiera compartir hoy algunas anécdotas, muy particularmente, con aquellos que tuvieron como yo, el privilegio de conocerle, y de enriquecernos como seremos humanos, en contactos más directos con él.

• Al convertirme en su tutor privado de español, yo tenía que asistir a misas con él y me llevaba una libreta para anotarle sus dulces

*“metidas de patas”, como las llamábamos. Recuerdo que un día tratando de explicar un pasaje en el evangelio dijo: “porque Poncio Pilato, lavarse las manos luego de entregar a Jesús...”. Al terminar la misa, me le acerqué y le dije: “Poncio Pilato no. Es Poncio Pilato”. “Es verdad”, me contestó. “En ese tiempo no haber aviones”*

- *Mi esposa Reina y yo, le invitábamos con cierta frecuencia a comer en casa. Un día le dijimos, Padre Ricardo, puede traer alguno de sus muchachos a comer con nosotros. Al llegar a nuestro Apto, tocó el timbre, y nosotros muy contentos porque a su lado venia un jovencito. Les hacemos pasar y al ir a cerrar la puerta, me dice: “ Ramón, esperar un momento. Yo pensar que tu no enojarte si yo traer más de uno”. “No se preocupe, padre”. Donde comen dos comen tres”. Al abrir la puerta no eran dos, ¡sino 6 ¡los que esperaban por entrar. Mientras, mi esposa se iba a la cocina, ellos se sentaron y yo me fui a una de las habitaciones a una reunión de emergencia con mis tres hijos, y les dije: “niños, nos sale ayuno. Vamos a decir una mentira blanca, Digan que nosotros ya comimos. . Comeremos otra cosa una vez que ellos se vayan”.*
- *Ricky y Jonathan, sus queridos hijos adoptivos fueron una demostración de lo mucho que el padre Ricardo se interesó por la juventud. Ricky, por ser el menor, era de quien más me hablaba el padre Ricardo cuando conversábamos. Le preocupaba la falta de apetito de ese niño. Un día, se acercaba el cumpleaños del padre Ricardo, y me cuenta el padre que había estado conversando con Ricky y le había dicho que el mejor regalo que podía recibir de él era que se portase bien (, por supuesto, también que comiese más me imagino yo) y el niño pareció estar de acuerdo. Se retiró a jugar y lueg*

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Ramon Querales - September 30, 2014 at 10:58 AM

RQ

“*Father Rich, or Padre Ricardo (as we hispanics used to call him in Venezuela and elsewhere) was a true apostle of Christ. If I had to use a couple of words to describe him, those words would be "meek and humble". Besides being my pastor for over a decade in Venezuela, I had the honor and the privilege to become his private spanish tutor at the San Bartolomé parish in Maracay. I can safely say, I never saw a sign of spiritual or intelectual arrogance in his actions. No wonder he was able to touch so many lives, particularly the lives of the poor and the forgotten ones. I live in the United States now ( as well as two of my children) in a way thanks to the opportunity offered to me by Padre Ricardo. I am sure many others can also say the same. What a blessing to have been touched by a human being like Father Rich. I have always said that I have had the privilege to meet two saints in person here on Earth, and those two saints are:Father Richard Walz and Sister Renee Domeeir(OSB still alive). They may not be canonized by Rome (and I am sure - being both so humble- they couldn't care less about that). However, they have paved the way for me to truly believe that one reason God created us is to love each other and exercise well the gift we have been given. In my humble opinión, Padre Ricardo and Sister Renee, have shown me ways to perfect one gift they have and I feel passionate about: the gift of service. Rest in peace now Father Rich. You well deserve it for a job marvelously done. By the way, I never new that your second name was Roman. Mine is Ramon. Another reason to feel closer to you.Adios, Padre Ricardo. Farewells are simply preparations for a new encounter. En algún momento se dará un reencuentro*

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**Ramon Querales** - September 30, 2014 at 09:23 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Bruder lit a candle in memory of Father Richard Roman Walz*



**Cindy Bruder** - September 29, 2014 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ *mi mas sentidas condolencias a nombre de las familia CARPIO RÍOS de Maracay Venezuela...hemos perdido un gran hombre...!!!gracias dios por conocerlo y seguir en sus enseñanzas. nunca te olvidaremos querido PADRE RICARDO.*

**maria carpio** - September 28, 2014 at 04:52 PM

GM

“ *When Fr Rich asked me to assist at teaching RCIA classes for our parish, I was honored and didn't feel I would do good enough. I learned so much, met some beautiful people. I am blessed to have had him in my life. My prayers go out to his family. May you rest in peace Fr.*

**Gloria Miller** - September 28, 2014 at 04:13 PM

VI

“ *GRACIAS POR TANTO... AGRADECIDO CON DIOS POR HABERTE PUESTO EN MI CAMINO*



**VICTOR** - September 28, 2014 at 02:09 PM

MA

“ *Miguel Angel lit a candle in memory of Father Richard Roman Walz*



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**Miguel Angel** - September 28, 2014 at 01:12 PM

AM

“ *Father Rich will be greatly missed by many. He was a kind and loving man who was there for us at our darkest hours. He will never be forgotten. Sending deepest sympathy to his family and friends. God Bless You.*

*Audrey Mollner*

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**Audrey Mollner** - September 28, 2014 at 09:52 AM

CK

“ *Carrie Karolus lit a candle in memory of Father Richard Roman Walz*



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**carrie karolus** - September 28, 2014 at 08:33 AM


 Jn Velasquez

“ *Confianza... No tengas miedo! Te extrañaremos*



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**Jn Velasquez** - September 28, 2014 at 05:56 AM

 Sarah  
Poegel

“ *He was always there for my family and I when we needed him, it's very sad to see that he passed away!:( but at least now he isn't suffering anymore. Sending prayers to the family and friends of his.*  
♥ Sarah.

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**Sarah Poegel** - September 28, 2014 at 01:48 AM

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“ *Ana Maria lit a candle in memory of Father Richard Roman Walz*



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**Ana Maria** - September 27, 2014 at 11:16 PM

MA

“ *Que partida tan dolorosa pero con la alegría de saber que el estará al lado de nuestro señor Jesucristo guiándonos y cuidándonos. Los acompaño en su dolor.*



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**Mayte and Franklyn Amado** - September 27, 2014 at 09:56 PM