

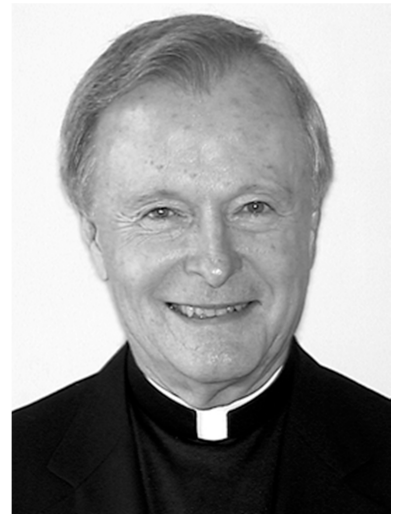


March 22, 2011

Dear Brothers,

I am writing to inform you that Father David L. Fleming, S.J. died Tuesday morning, March 22, 2011, at the Fusz Pavilion in St. Louis, Missouri, after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 76 years old and a Jesuit for 58 years. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 4, 1934, Dave entered the Society of Jesus at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant, Missouri, on August 8, 1952. Dave was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 1965, at St. Mary's College in Kansas.

After tertianship at St. Beuno's College in Wales, Dave completed a Doctorate in Sacred Theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He joined the Theology faculty at the School of Divinity at Saint Louis University in 1970 and was appointed rector of the theologian community at Lewis Memorial in 1972. With the closing of the School of Divinity in 1976, Dave was assigned to the newly formed Ministry Training Services (MTS) on the campus of Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado. He was appointed a member of the MTS staff, the superior of the Jesuit community and the tertian director for the province.



In 1978 Dave was elected as the Missouri Province delegate to the Congregation of Procurators in Rome. The following year, Dave was appointed Provincial of the Missouri Province. Dave guided the province with wisdom and grace through a challenging period in the Society's history as Fr. General Pedro Arrupe resigned due to a debilitating stroke and Fr. Paolo Dezza was appointed as a pontifical delegate to serve as the interim leader of the Society of Jesus. Dave often said that he truly enjoyed his ministry as Provincial, a ministry that was a great blessing for both him and the men he served.

In 1986 Dave was appointed to the faculty at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Two years later he returned to province to become the Editor of *Review for Religious*, a position he held for over 22 years. Under his guidance, the journal provided thoughtful reflections on contemporary religious life to readers throughout the world. Dave was a well-known author and speaker on Ignatian spirituality. His writings include *Draw Me into Your Friendship: A Literal Translation and a Contemporary Reading of the Spiritual Exercises* and *What is Ignatian Spirituality?* Dave also compiled and edited a series of books from articles published in *Review for Religious*.

In 1990 Dave was named rector of Bellarmine House of Studies for Jesuits studying Philosophy and Theology at Saint Louis University, a position he held for six years. From 2003 to 2008 Dave served as the Assistant to the Missouri Provincial for Formation. Through his life Dave was assigned to the important work of formation, and generations of Jesuits benefited from his wisdom, prayerfulness and love of Jesuit life.

In 2005 he became the superior of the Ignatius House Community in St. Louis where he served until his death. When Dave was first diagnosed with cancer, doctors told him that there was no cure they could offer him yet asked if he would take experimental drugs that might provide helpful information for the treatment of cancer victims in the future. Dave agreed to these experimental treatments despite the discomfort and pain that often accompanying them. Even in his dying he gave of himself to others.

Dave is survived by his sisters Mrs. Marian Shaughnessy and Mrs. Jean Feldmeier. May this talented, gracious and holy man rest in peace.

Arrangements are as follows:

Visitation:	Thursday, March 24, 2011 St. Francis Xavier (College) Church 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Funeral Mass:	Thursday, March 24, 2011 St. Francis Xavier (College) Church 7:30 p.m.
Burial:	Friday, March 25, 2011 Calvary Cemetery 9:00 a.m. – depart from College Church

Letters of condolence may be sent to the following:

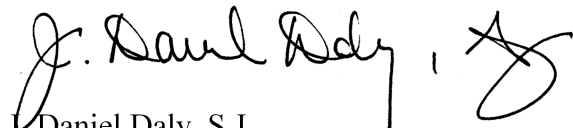
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As we remember with gratitude all that God has done through Dave's life spent in service of the People of God, we are reminded of our privilege and obligation to offer Masses and prayers for his eternal repose.

Sincerely in Christ,



J. Daniel Daly, S.J.  
Socius

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