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Fr. Paul's 65 years of priestly service in all four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark had a demarcation line of two distinct eras that he himself named his "liberal years", 1954-1977 and his "Charismatic awakening", 1977- 2019. His first 23 years coincided with pre-Vatican II and Post Vatican II assignments during the liturgical revival of Pius XII and the conciliar popes John XXIII and Paul VI. His early years in St. John's, Bergenfield for a dozen years then his pastorate in Haworth at Sacred Heart then hospital service in Newark before becoming pastor of his home parish of St. Michael's, Elizabeth from 1975 into 1985. It was during his pastorate at St. Michael's parish that lay persons brought him into contact with the charismatic movement that would become his focus in all the ministries he would subsequently serve. His astute discernment of the promptings of the Holy Spirit guided his outreach as a pastor and brother priest. As pastor of his own home parish where he and I had been educated by the Sisters of Christian Charity who had served there over 100 years (Fr. Paul's Aunt Cordelia was a SCC) it was his painful duty to have to close that school in 1980 and bid farewell to those Sisters. He suffered from the criticism of parishioners he had known since boyhood. It was a chastisement difficult to bear. Upon completion of that pastorate in the mid-1980's he had a sabbatical that took him to the Philippines where he was witness to the ouster of President Marcos and his regime. At the end of the 1980's he would succeed Fr. Jim Ferry as pastor of St. Antoninus' charismatic parish in Newark until his retirement in 1999.

During that pastorate he hosted the weekly Friday New Jersey Fraternity of Priests' gatherings that Fr. Ferry had helped found. Upon retirement in his early 70's Fr. Paul devoted himself as priest coordinator for the Filipino BLD ministries to married and single adults and youth. He did extensive travels and for his 50th anniversary gave his golden anniversary cash of several thousand

dollars to build houses in the Philippines along with a chapel. This was further evidence of his priestly generosity. As he aged from his 70's into his late 80's he bore his increasing physical afflictions with spiritual resignation and was inspirational in his embrace of centering prayer as a compliment to his liturgical and charismatic prayer expressions. His commitment to Life in the Spirit seminars remained to the end of his energies. His move from his lake cabin to the Cardwell Priests' residence was edifying. And at last he accepted the Dominican Sisters hospitality for which he was grateful. It seemed fitting that as the Newark Archdiocesan Convocation entered its final day Fr. Paul entered his own final earthly day. His example of a dedicated faithful priest of the Lord will continue to inspire us who were blessed to know him.

R. I. P. faithful priest of the Lord Jesus.... Pray for us.