



## *Congratulations Father Jerry!*



Fr. Morris attended St. Theresa School, in Coral Gables Florida for Grades 1st through 9th grade. He served as altar server, worked in the Sacristy, taught Latin parts of the Mass to the new altar servers and sang in the Boys Choir.

Fr. Morris entered the St. John Vianney Minor Seminary, in Miami, Fl. in 1959; when he was about 14 years old. There Fr. Morris completed the 10th and 11th Grades. While in the Seminary, he took academic classes at Christopher Columbus High School. Fr. Morris finished his 12th grade at St. John Vianney Seminary. He worked hard the first two years of college at St. John Vianney, and received his AA Degree in Liberal Arts. He went on to St. Vincent De Paul for his 3rd and 4th year of College, where he received his B.A. Degree in Philosophy and Education. He continued his studies at St. Vincent De Paul for the next four years studying Theology where he received his M.Th. Degree and M.Div. Degree.

He served as Deacon for one year at St. Patrick's Church in Miami Beach and taught Vacation Bible School.

He was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 30, 1970, from St. Vincent de Paul Major Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. He celebrated his first Holy Mass on May 31, 1970, on the Feast of Corpus Christi at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Perrine, Florida.

From 1970 to 1971, he was Associate Pastor of Epiphany Parish, South Miami, Fl. where he worked with the Youth Group, The Parish Elementary School and Administered Wedding Preparations. From 1971 to 1974 attended the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Italy where he in 1974 received the Degree in Sacred Scripture, S.S.I. Magna Cum Laude.

In 1974 Fr. Morris was assigned to St. Mary's Cathedral. He taught a Comparative Religion Course at the University of Miami. He was also a Faculty Member of St. Vincent de Paul and taught Old Testament and New Testament Courses. He was the Spiritual Director at the Seminary from 1974 to 1980. He helped out at St. Martin De Porres in Jensen Beach on the weekends and was involved in 25 Marriage Encounter Weekends.

From 1980 to 1983 Fr. Morris continued as part time Seminary and Associate Pastor at St. Martin de Porres.

From 1983 to 1994 He became Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, North Lauderdale, Florida. Fr. Jerry was responsible for building the Educational Building, the Adoration Chapel and the Parish Offices. He was involved in the Ecumenical Projects.

In 1994, Fr. Morris became Pastor of San Pablo Catholic Church, Marathon, Fl. Fr. Morris was responsible for the beautiful Parish Piazza and Gardens, the renovations of all Church Buildings and Ecumenical Outreach.

On June 1, 2013 he became the pastor at St. Pius X church in Fort Lauderdale. He served the church well and for health reasons, came to St. Coleman Church as a vicar.

We will miss his kindness around the church office but we look forward to seeing him when he fills in for masses and confessions. We wish Fr. Jerry all the best, as he deserves this time to enjoy his golden years!