



Fr Louis Abdoo I.M.C.

March 17, 1944 - July 28, 2023

Father Louis Abdoo, I.M.C., a longtime priest leader in the Diocese of San Bernardino, was called home to God on July 28, 2023, at the age of 79. A priest of the Institute of Consolata Missionaries, Father Abdoo faithfully served the parish community of St. Francis de Sales, Riverside, CA, for the past 23 years, the last nine as Administrator.

His priestly ministry in the Diocese of San Bernardino began in 1996 when he was assigned as a parochial vicar to Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino. He served for a time at St. Boniface Church in the Diocese of Orange. He also served as a chaplain to Serra Club, District 157, San Bernardino.

Father Louis was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1944, in Utica, New York, the son of Louis and Helen Abdoo. He was ordained a priest on July 24, 1973. He celebrated his 50th year of priesthood just one week before his death. His religious profession as a Consolata Missionary was 57 years ago, in 1966. Prior to coming to San Bernardino Diocese Father Louis served as a missionary in Kenya, Africa, and in the Amazonic Caqueta Region of Colombia.

A funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Father Louis on Monday, July 31st at St. Francis de Sales Church in Riverside. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., with a Rosary at 10 a.m., and Mass at 12:00

noon.

Father Louis was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Gloria and her husband Ronald Campbell, Anita Abdoo, and Anne Kuenzli. and is survived by his sister Theresa (John) King and brother Albert Abdoo, and by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Father Louis will be buried in his birthplace of Utica, New York. His family will participate there in a Mass according to their tradition in the Maronite Rite, as Father Louis was bi-ritual and often celebrated Maronite Liturgies. May Father Louis be blessed for his priestly service and may he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
4268 Lime St
Riverside, CA 92501

Rosary

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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Riverside, CA 92501

Mass

JUL 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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Riverside, CA 92501

Tribute Wall

WI

“ Father Lou you will be missed. It took awhile to get use to your humor, but I caught on. Thank you so much for all you did for me and Walter. We were so happy you help and got us to celebrate our 25th Anniversary by marrying us in the church. Got got our sacrament of marriage. You also we very instrumental in both our daughters and friends in completing their sacrament too. We will miss and hold you in our prayers. Your to well loved to ever be forgotten. God keep you in his glory. Till we meet again. Love always The Iseli Family.

Walter & Stella Iseli - August 11, 2023 at 03:17 PM

VW

“ Fr Louis was our friend for 25 years. We meet him in Saint Boniface. He was there when my mom was sick in the hospital. He visited her everyday. He celebrated her funeral mass. We kept our friendship even when he moved to Riverside. We love you Fr Louis. RIP. We will meet again ❤️



Victoria Waterworth - August 02, 2023 at 07:47 PM

VF

“ My family met Fr. Louie when he came to Holy Rosary Cathedral in 1996. He had the biggest heart, we loved him so much, my family followed all his moves until he came back close to home in Riverside. He celebrated my wedding along with baptizing all 3 of my children. He was much more than our beloved Priest. We loved him like family. We are going to miss hearing him celebrate mass, having dinner with him, his dry humor along with his uplifting words of encouragement when we needed them. I know you are rejoicing in Heaven, RIP Fr. Louie, you are very much loved. Until we meet again...



Viviane Sierra and Family - August 02, 2023 at 02:00 PM



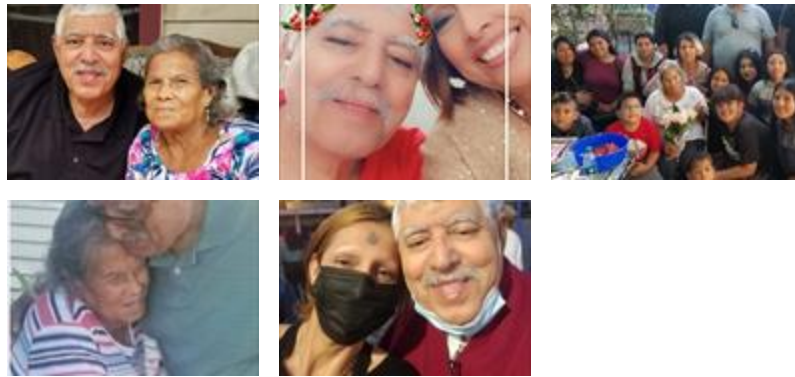
“ Fr LOU was one of a kind. You will be missed dearly.



James Wright - August 01, 2023 at 01:45 AM

MT

“ *Father loui was more then a priest for our family , he was our friend , we love him so much, he had always the right words to comfort us.. he married us on hes birthday. So every anniversary we will celebrate hes birthday with... he love my sandwiches and bbq .. he love to each ... I love seeing him eat because he would enjoy food so much .. my heart is sad with hes departure, but I know that He will always watch over us from heaven .. this is not a good bye, but a see you later ... we love you and we pray for all your family ... be in peace* ❤️



Martha Timms - July 31, 2023 at 07:17 PM

LH

“ Today was a true honor to be apart of the celebration for Father Lou at St Francis de Sales. Father Lou was always there for my family. From engagement counseling, baptizing all our children, anointing of the sick, and walking us through the season of death and grief in our family; his guidance was so appreciated. His mentorship, leadership, and his disciplining for Christ was in every conversation. We are all going to miss him dearly, but know we will all see each other again.

Thanks for sharing the movie CoCo Father Lou as we laid my mother in law to rest, today we use the song Remember Me so that we all will remember you!

The Hauck Family

Lauri Hauck - July 31, 2023 at 07:01 PM

FA

RIP Fr. LOU my prayers to his family Fr. Eduardo Aguirre

Fr. Eduardo Aguirre - July 31, 2023 at 10:44 PM

PM

Rest in peace Father Lou ... We appreciate all you did for the Catholic community both in and outside of your parish. We will miss your lovely Christmas letters that fostered a sense of peace in our family.

Pamela Maune - December 30, 2024 at 02:23 PM

MA

“ *Marisol Aceves lit a candle in memory of Fr Louis Abdoo I.M.C.*



Marisol Aceves - July 31, 2023 at 02:59 PM

MA

Un sacerdote con mucha humildad! Que Dios lo tenga en su Santa Gloria!

Marisol Aceves - July 31, 2023 at 03:01 PM

MB

“*Fr. Lou, we are going to miss you so much. Thank you for being the special priest you were to our parish. Thank you for the years of spiritual guidance and friendship. We will miss you at the 4th of July parties, Easter dinners and Sunday breakfasts after mass. 6 years ago you renewed our vows for our 50th anniversary. You will always be in our hearts. Patrick and Marlene Brown*



Marlene Brown - July 31, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JC

“*Siendo un niño tuve el grato placer de conocer el Padre Louis, aca el Valparaiso Caqueta Colombia, donde fue sacerdote de la Parroquia San Isidro Labrador en el año 1980. nunca olvide sus habilidades mecanográficas, su inseparable cámara fotográfica, ademas los continuos trucos de magia con los que divertía a los ciudadanos, mi padre en ese entonces guardián de la cárcel municipal lo encerraba en un calabozo de donde escapaba fácilmente, desafortunadamente por problemas de salud nos dejo rápidamente, fue un sacerdote muy especial, todavía muchas personas lo recuerdan con afecto, descanse en paz, a su familia fue un excelente ser humano,*

JHON JAIRO CARDONA CORREA - July 30, 2023 at 11:54 PM

FB

El Padre Louis fue un sacerdote que tuvimos el gusto de tratarlo un poco, pero puedo decir que en ese poco tiempo que lo tratamos, pudimos conocer el Amor que tenía para la comunidad, fue un verdadero Honor poder confesarme, y recibir la Comunión por el, gracias 🙏 Padre Louis por su servicio y su dedicación. Que Dios lo reciba en su Gloria.. y desde allá siga guiándonos y bendiciendo a todos los católicos .

Francisco y Miriam Banda - July 31, 2023 at 12:10 AM

MZ

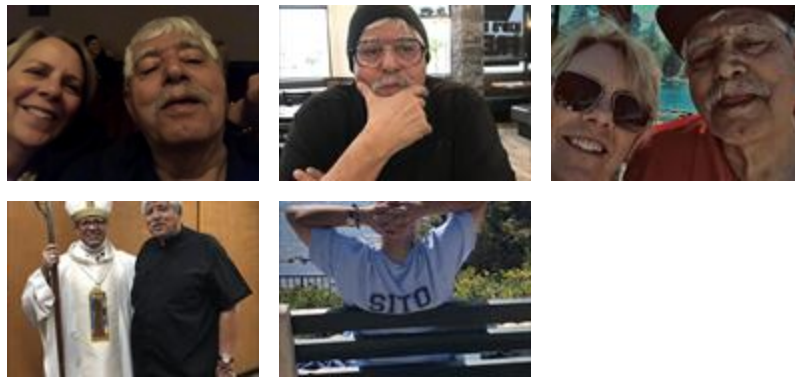
“ *My dear Fr. Louis was a very special friend, a spiritual guide, caring, with a good sense of humour, wise and loving priest. We met in Colombia 28 years ago, I moved to Europe and since then we have been in touch. I'm going to miss your Xmas greetings arriving in our mailbox every year. After so many years of friendship, he has been always caring and supportive, bearing in mind the 9 hours difference between us. R.I.P my dear Luigi, we will see each other again in paradise. Our Condolences to the Abdo family. Monica Zapata and Maurizio.*



Monica Zapata - July 30, 2023 at 10:51 AM

BR

“ Fr Lou is the most amazing person, beautiful man and priest. He taught me so much about life, true faith and love and I'll always treasure them in my heart, always remembering him. ❤️ He was a wise guide, a loving priest and a true friend. So patient, so kind and so full of love for everyone. My family and friends were blessed to have been able to spend the day and evening with him this past Wednesday for my husband's funeral. He is not gone, all of the memories and times live in my heart always. As he has always said since I've known him "A tree does not die, it waits" I get it now!!! Love you always Fr Lou! See you soon!!



Brenda Rogees - July 30, 2023 at 06:39 AM

SF

“ Father Lou was part of our family, we meet him 23 years ago. He married my sister, then baptize all my nieces and nephews he married my husband and I 4 years ago. Baptize our son 2 years ago. He was so good to us. He was always in our family gatherings. Last week we got to celebrate him and he looked so happy and I'm so glad we got to come. You will be missed but never forgotten. We love you father Lou!

Sanchez family - July 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM

BR

Fr Lou was the most amazing person, a beautiful man and priest. He always knew exactly what I needed to hear and I will always remember his wise words, his sense of humor, and the patience he always showed to everyone. He taught me so much about life and true faith and love. He changed me for the better forever! He is not gone, he lives always in our heart. My family and friends were truly blessed to have been able to spend the day and evening with him this past Wednesday for my husband's funeral. As he has always said since I've known him "A tree does not die, it waits." I get it now! Love you Fr Lou!! See you soon!

Brenda Rogers - July 30, 2023 at 05:54 AM

 Jenny Falck

“*Fr Lou's presence in our lives brought us joy, laughs and giggles! He guided our Family through some pretty tough times. He inspired us to keep learning and living out our Faith. Our lives were intertwined and to say he is missed is an understatement. His absence will always be felt and he will never be forgotten. Our deepest condolences to the Abdo Family; we hold you up in Prayer. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO FR. LOU, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. † May the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. 🙏 AMEN. 💔 Love, The Falck Family.*



Jenny Falck - July 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM

SF

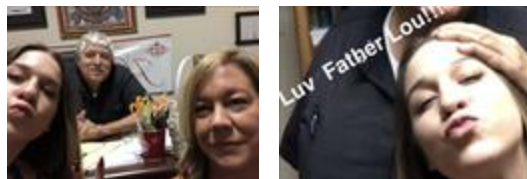
“ *Padre Louis was more than a family priest for me and my family, he was a father figure that showed us love and compassion throughout our lives. My favorite and most cherished memory of him was during a confession. I remember I sat down and the first thing he asked my eleven year old was, “what do you want here, an ice cream cone”?? I love this memory because it exemplifies the goofiness and loving character Padre Louis was and will always remain in my heart. Lastly, it had been a wish of mine to have him marry me since I was a little girl and last October I finally had the chance to accomplish this dream. I am beyond grateful and blessed that I had his blessing for my marriage and that I will always have those moments forever in my heart. Thank you for your service to your community Padre Louis, I will always miss and keep you close to my heart. May you watch over my marriage and my family next to our holy Father.* ”



Sanjuanita Felix - July 29, 2023 at 10:39 PM

CA

“ *FrLou will be missed greatly. He was so good to my family and we love him!! RIP* ”



Callie Acosta Andrade - July 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM

VH

“ We have so many wonderful memories of Father Luis. We met him over 25 years ago when he was at St Boniface. We stayed in touch all these years. Every few months we would come up to Riverside and take him to dinner. Our last dinner was at Christmas we went to Duanes where Father had a great big steak! He was always there for us and we will never forget him. We were just planning to go out to dinner. We know he is in heaven and that gives us some solace but the pain of losing him is very difficult. In our last conversation with him last week we told him how much we loved him. His family should know how much he was loved

Vaughan and Della

Vaughan Herrick - July 29, 2023 at 10:08 PM

PS

“ Dear family and friends of Father Lou. I am thankful for meeting Fr. Lou during his short time that he was in Western NY state prior to his life in CA. I remember him as energetic and friendly. I always looked forward to receiving his Christmas message/card. I am thankful he was able to celebrate his 50th ordination and that it was 'live streamed'. Kindly, Patricia and Calvin Sands

Patricia and Calvin Sands - July 29, 2023 at 09:43 PM

MG

“ Father Lou was special to our family and was always there when we needed something. He made sure the whole family was good. Thank you for everything Fr. Lou. You will be missed.



Manuel Garcia - July 29, 2023 at 09:12 PM

KP

“ I will miss you Father Lou 🙏 even though I'm in Tennessee I watched you say Mass almost daily. I miss how you joked with me and all the wonderful times we had together planning for the children of Saint Francis. You are home now and at peace. God blessed me when he sent me to Saint Francis. You are loved and respected 🙏 Rest in Arms of the Lord



Kathy Piguet - July 29, 2023 at 08:36 PM

AG

“ We will miss you. Thank you for all the love you shared to the community



Anna Gomez - July 29, 2023 at 08:33 PM

AG

“ Fr. Lou will always be part of our hearts. From my Quinceañera to the baptism and first communion of my girls ... we love you and miss you



Anna Gomez - July 29, 2023 at 08:28 PM

GG

“ Fr. Lou was a very close friend to our family, he always attended our family gatherings. He will be deeply missed by the Garcia Family. We love you Fr Lou



george garcia - July 29, 2023 at 08:20 PM

LG

“ Father Lou always loved to take pictures. The picture in gray he said “take a selfie, whatever that means” and so we did. His “Captain” is forever going to miss him.



lizeth garcia - July 29, 2023 at 08:08 PM

LG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Luis Garcia - July 29, 2023 at 08:01 PM

GF

“ Our many thanks and blessings to all you have done Fr Lou for our family and children. We pray for peace and joy as we celebrate your amazing life! We will miss you dearly and never forget all you have done for our community. May you rest in eternal life in peace.



Gutierrez Family - July 29, 2023 at 07:46 PM

EC

Oramos por el Padre Luis. Fue un gran guía espiritual en Solano Caquetá. Lamentamos su partida. dejó una gran huella con su humildad y sus enseñanzas. con mucho cariño. Elena

Elena Clavijo - July 07, 2025 at 02:55 PM