

EULOGY - FR. JULIUS KONGARI

Fr. Julius Kongari is the fourth priest of our diocese who breathed his last on May 7, 2021 at 5 A.M. due to Covid-19 pandemic. Fr. Julius reached back to his parish, Holy Family Church, Loni on April 23, after spending his holidays at home. When he was at home, he said he had some symptoms like fever, throat infection, etc. A few days after reaching the parish due to the insistence of the Holy Family Sisters he visited St. Joseph's Hospital, Mariamnagar, Ghaziabad for a consultation and get some medicines. Since he was not improving he came to Mariam Nagar hospital and got admitted on May 1, 2021. The Doctors and the nurses observed that he was mortally frightened and worried. Maybe that was one of the reasons for the fast deterioration of his health condition. The doctor could not help him with the 'Remdesivir' injection. Then the doctor prescribed 'Bevacizumab' injection which was brought from Dehradun. But with all these we could not save him. Finally on May 07, 2021 at 5 A.M. he breathed his last. His sealed body enclosed in the coffin was brought by Ambulance to the cemetery in St. Luke's Church, Saket and buried with all the Covid-19 protocols at 11.30 A.M. After that we offered the Holy Mass for the repose of his soul in St. Luke's Church.

Fr. Julius Kongari was born on June 07, 1979 in the village Beratulunda of the Parish St. Joseph's Church, Anandpur, diocese of Jamshedpur, as the first child to Mr. Raphael Kongari and Mrs. Virginia Kongari. He has one young sister, Mrs. Victoria. Young Julius completed his primary education in his native village and after that because of the financial difficulties at home, he came with one of his aunts to Allahabad. There with the help of some priests got admission in a Junior High School at Dostpur, in Sultan district. He completed class IXth & Xth at St. Joseph's High School, Zafarganj in Faisabad district. After this he joined St. John's Minor Seminary, Sardhana to become a priest for the Diocese of Meerut. He completed his Philosophy studies in Agra Masih Vidyapeeth and Theology studies in St. Joseph Seminary, Allahabad. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Meerut on May 11, 2008 at his native parish St. Joseph's Church, Anandpur by His Lordship Bishop Felix Toppo S.J. who was the then Bishop of Jamshedpur. His first appointment was in St. Pius Church, Bachraon as assistant priest. After a year he was transferred to assist Holy Rosary Church, Rataul. In 2010 he was appointed to assist St. Francis Church, Swar. From there he was transferred to assist St. Joseph Cathedral Parish, Meerut. After serving one year as assistant in St. Agnes' Church, Kazikhera he was appointed as Parish Priest in Azeemnagar in 2013. After completing six years in Azeemnagar he was transferred to Holy Family Church, Loni where he served till his last breath.

Fr. Julius Kongari was a very simple priest. He was always cheerful, affectionate and loving towards all. He had a cordial relationship with all. He was a person of great dedication. He was very obliging and always ready to offer Holy Eucharist for the sisters' communities at their request. He used to be always jovial. He will be remembered by all of us. May the Lord in his merciful love grant him eternal reward! May he rest in peace! My special thanks to the doctors, nurses and specially to Sr. Edna MSJ and Sr. Ally MSJ of St. Joseph's Hospital, Mariam Nagar for the good medical and nursing care they rendered.



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