



**Father Vincent CUNNINGHAM**  
**(1918 - 2013)**

*Died 18 January 2013, in Bay Shore, NY (USA)  
aged 94, with 56 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Vincent Cunningham, SMM, a member of the US Province died at Bay Shore January 18, 2013 at the age of 95. He was born in Ireland July 23, 1918. During World War II, he entered the Montfort Seminary in the English Province and studied philosophy in France with the Montfort Missionaries. Because of the war he left France to return to Ireland and worked in the Government offices. He came to the United States in the 1950's and worked as a sacristan at a parish in Cambria Heights, NY. There he met with a Montfort Father, Bernard Blood, SMM and reconnected with the Montfort Community. He made his novitiate at Hartford City, Indiana, and after his first profession August 1956, he continued his theological studies at Litchfield, Ct. and was ordained March 12, 1960. His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Mary Gate of Heaven, Ozone Park, NY. He then began a twenty five year ministry as Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip, NY until his retirement, with residence at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, NY.

In Community Father Vinny was known as the "Quiet Man". A very interested part of the Community his person and presence were important. He was always alert and "alive" to the happenings there, with a gentle smile and quiet laugh! It was a constant comment by the Community that he prayed the Rosary many times each day raising his "walker" or cane to travel the perimeter of the house, with the Rosary in hand. He was always present in chapel every day for common prayer together.

He participated in all the house activities and always could add his own quiet comments with eyes wide awake and a constant smile! This "quiet man" added "Spirit and life" to all of us!