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Archdiocese of St. Louis Announces Death of Reverend Robert Menner, Archdiocesan Priest and Resident of Regina Cleri

It is with great sadness that the Archdiocese of St. Louis announces the passing of Reverend Robert Menner, a beloved member of the Regina Cleri retirement community and priest of the archdiocese, today, April 24, 2020.

Prior to his death, Father Menner tested positive for COVID-19. He had pre-existing health complications.

A St. Louis native, Fr. Menner served 49 years in active ministry with the Archdiocese of St. Louis, even into his retirement. He worked in pastoral capacities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Hazelwood, Mo.; Immaculate Conception parish in Arnold, Mo.; Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, Mo.; St. Pius V. Parish in St. Louis, Mo.; St. Joseph Parish in Manchester, Mo.; and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles, Mo. Additionally, he spent almost three-fifths of his ministry—28 years in all—in the archdiocese's Latin America Apostolate, including several stints as a missionary in Bolivia. Fr. Menner was Director of the Propagation of the Faith for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, with residence at Regina Cleri Residence for Retired Priests, from 2016-2017 and retired at Regina Cleri in 2017. Fr. Menner also studied at the Vatican II Institute in Melo Park, Calif. in 1992-1993.

Memorial arrangements for Fr. Menner will be announced in the coming days. The Archdiocese of St. Louis asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Menner.

To date, Regina Cleri has confirmed 21 positive cases of COVID-19 among residents of the retirement home. The Archdiocese of St. Louis and leadership at Regina Cleri are working with St. Louis County health officials to ensure they are following all appropriate protocols. More information can be found in the *St. Louis Review* here and here, and previous statements can be found here.

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