



Monsignor Michael Custis Crimmins

January 28, 1942 - March 3, 2025

Monsignor Michael C. Crimmins died peacefully on February 28, 2025 at his home in Garden Grove, California.

Born on January 28, 1942, in Menlo Park, California, to Martin Lalor Crimmins II and Mary Bradley Averill Crimmins, Monsignor Crimmins led a remarkable life serving God, his many parish communities, many friends and his extended family. His compassion and kindness touched countless lives through his ministry.

After attending Saint Joseph's Elementary School and then Encinal School, both in Menlo Park, California, he then attended Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, California. After graduation, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1965 and, a brief career in sales at NBC, later received a master's degree in divinity from Saint Joseph's Seminary.

Following his ordination in 1970, he spent the summer months at Catholic University of Ponce, in Puerto Rico, before heading to Manhattan where he served as Assistant Pastor at Blessed Sacrament from 1970-1974, the Church of Saint Joseph from 1974-1975, and Saint Patrick's Cathedral from 1975-1977. He was the Associate Pastor at Transfiguration from 1977-1979 and then Notre Dame where he served as Administrator in 1981. In 1988 he became the Coordinator of the University Apostolate and Campus Ministry until 1997.

He was appointed Pastor of Saint Malachy's in Manhattan in 1997, when he also served as a CUNY board member. Monsignor Crimmins was named Prelate of Honor to His Holiness in 1999 the Director for the Propagation of the Faith in 2002. He served as Parochial Vicar at Saint Clare's in Staten Island in 2005, Pastor at Saint Gregory the Great in Manhattan from 2006-2015, and Parochial Vicar at Holy Name of Jesus-Saint Gregory from 2015-2017. He retired in 2017. In every parish he served, he was respected and loved by all those he served. Monsignor Crimmins was predeceased by his brothers Martin Lalor Crimmins III, Nathan Averill Crimmins and John D. Crimmins, and his sister Mollie Crimmins. He is survived by his nephews Patrick Bellinger Crimmins of Walnut Creek, CA., Martin Lalor Crimmins IV of Boston, Thomas Lynch Crimmins of New York City and his niece Margaret Crimmins Kuhns of Los Angeles. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who were blessed to know him.

A memorial mass celebrating the life of Monsignor Crimmins will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 W 71st St, New York, NY, at 10 a.m. on May 6, 2025.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

1975 Santa Cruz Ave
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Monsignor Crimmins, we were married at St. Malachy's when you were the Pastor there. Thank you for allowing us to have our priest friend, Father Ed Zobgy, marry us at St. Malachy's while you were in Cali. Thank you for all the love, generosity and compassion and spiritual growth and leading us in Pre-Cana And please pray for us as you are most certainly a Saint in Heaven and you know how much we need your prayers. God bless you.
Love you, Susan & Padriac Confrey

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