

FR. J. P. MARTIN A. HYATT, B.S.O.

NOVEMBER 6, 1953 – OCTOBER 17, 2026

With deep sorrow, yet in the hope of the Resurrection, we announce the passing of Father Martin A. Hyatt, a priest of the Basilian Salvatorian Order. He peacefully entered eternal life, fortified by the Divine Mysteries, on October 17, 2026, at the home of his sister and surrounded by his family. He was in his forty-fourth year of religious profession, and his forty-second year of priestly ministry.

The son of Wilbur and Angelina (Manzi) Hyatt, Father Martin devoted his life to the Gospel, bringing people closer to Jesus through prayer, spiritual formation, and compassionate service. In 1982, he professed religious life in the Basilian Salvatorian Order, a religious order of the Melkite Catholic Church, and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Joseph Tawil on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1984.

A graduate of Boston College, Father Martin continued his theological studies at the Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies in Rome, earning a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1979. He also taught prayer, patristics, world religions, and ecumenism at seminaries, colleges and universities worldwide.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Father Martin served in numerous leadership and pastoral roles within the Order. At St. Basil's Seminary, he served as Novice Master and Local Superior, and at St. Basil's Salvatorian Retreat Center, he served as Spiritual Director, Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Program and directed marriage preparation through the Pre-Caná program. Through these ministries, he accompanied individuals seeking spiritual renewal, couples preparing for marriage, and men discerning religious life.

His presence was a blessing, and his ministry became a path that led many souls to, and back to, the Lord and His Church. Beginning in 1995, he served in prison ministry, offering spiritual guidance and retreats to brothers and sisters behind the walls. He also led retreats, spiritual direction and seminars for Mother Teresa's sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, in the United States and around the world, and served on the board of Lazarus House Ministries. He did not merely speak of faith, he lived it. Through street ministry, food and clothing outreach, and countless personal encounters, he brought the love of Christ to people experiencing poverty and adversity, and was a father, brother and friend to those who suffered with any physical, emotional, spiritual, or mental hardship. Father Martin selflessly made time to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to anyone in need.

Father Martin's life was marked by a deep commitment to prayer, spiritual formation, and pastoral care. His influence will live on in his brother priests and religious, those he guided in their Christian vocation, the couples he prepared for marriage, and the many whose faith and lives were strengthened by his ministry.

May his memory be eternal.

The wake will be held at
St. Basil's Salvatorian Center,
30 East St., Methuen, MA,
on Monday October 26th, from 12 noon to 7 PM.

The funeral service will be offered at
All Saints Church,
120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill, MA, on Tuesday October 27th at 3PM.

The committal will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be made to:
St. Basil's Seminary
30 East St.
Methuen, MA 01844
or
St. Basil Salvatorian Center
Memo: Cursillo
30 East St.
Methuen, MA 01844



*"I am
the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE;
he who
believes
in ME,
though
he die,
yet
shall he live."
(John 11:25)*

