



## **FATHER JAKE BELTRAN**

Fr. Justo “Jake” R. Beltran, a popular and beloved Filipino-American priest in New York, passed away on July 5 at Wyckoff Heights Hospital in Brooklyn, where he served as a chaplain for seven years.

He died of complications from multiple myeloma and diabetes, according to his fellow Aklanon Evan Prado.

Born in 1939 in Malinao, Aklan, he was to turn 72 on July 14.

At the time of his death, he was chaplain of Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center in Brooklyn, and spiritual adviser of Aklan Association Eastern USA, Inc. and other Filipino-American organizations.

Fr. Beltran was ordained as priest in the Diocese of Capiz on March 16, 1969 after completing his studies at St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary in Jaro, Iloilo.

After ordination, he was assigned as parochial vicar of Santa Monica Parish in Pan-ay, Capiz.

Aside from bachelor of arts degree, he had advanced degrees in master of divinity, and clinical pastoral education.

Prior to moving to the United States, the well-liked and energetic priest served in various parishes in the Philippines.

Among them in Ibajay, New Washington, and Batan, all in Aklan province; and Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City.

He also became part of the Archdiocese of Manila under the late Jaime Cardinal Sin.

St. Aloysius Church and St. Vincent de Paul Church, both in Brooklyn, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Transfiguration R.C. Church in Maspeth were among his parish assignments in New York.

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He was also an active member of St. Joseph's Academy Alumni Association of Malinao, Aklan, having been a member of its high school Class of 1956.

Fr. Beltran left behind nine surviving siblings who are based in the U.S., Canada, Ireland and the Philippines, several cousins, nephews and nieces, and grandchildren of his siblings.

Viewing is scheduled on July 12 and 13 at Kennedy Roth Funeral Home, 41-45 58th Street in Woodside (718.424.5430).

Viewing time on Tuesday: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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A memorial mass will be held on July 14 (10 a.m.) at St. Sebastian's RC Church (58-02 Roosevelt Avenue) in Woodside before Fr. Beltran's remains will be flown to his native Aklan, Philippines on July 15.

Funeral services is slated on July 20 at St. Joseph Parish Church in Malinao, Aklan.