



**IN MEMORY OF PASTOR EMERITUS REVEREND  
MONSIGNOR R. JAMES (FATHER JIM) BALINT  
COLONEL - UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**May 6, 1930 - March 22, 2016**

**Uncle of Mary Catherine Marinoni**

**After graduation from The Catholic University of America in 1951 with a degree of Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Father Jim was employed as a civilian naval architect with the United States Navy in Washington, D.C.**

**Entered active duty with the United States Air Force in May 1954, serving at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas.**

**In 1956, left active duty as a First Lieutenant to begin theological studies at The Catholic University of America.  
Ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth in May 1961.**

**Commissioned as a Chaplain in the Texas Air National Guard in 1963 and had various duty assignments in the contiguous 48 states as well as Alaska, Japan and Italy. Graduate of The Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 1973. Faculty member of The Air Force Chaplain School, Maxwell AFB, 1977-1980.**

**In 1985, appointed The Command Chaplain for Air Force Logistics Command at Wright- Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.**

**In 1987, appointed The Command Chaplain for Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.**

**Retired from the U. S. Air Force as a Colonel on May 31, 1990 with 28 years and 3 months of service.**

**Upon retirement Father Jim served in the Diocese of Dallas until appointed as the Founding Pastor of Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Plano, Texas, on December 19, 1990**

