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# Rev Fr Francis William "Father Gregory" Figueroa

<b>BIRTH</b>	18 Oct 1915 Brooklyn, Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	21 Oct 1996 (aged 81) Graymoor, Putnam County, New York, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Friars Cemetery at Graymoor Garrison, Putnam County, New York, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	Tier 2 Row 3 Grave 10
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	161461428 ·

Fr. Gregory Figueroa , SA  
1915-1996

Francis Figueroa was born on October 18, 1915 in Brooklyn, N.Y. son of Barbara Rinehart Figueroa and James Figueroa. Francis was one of nine children, five brothers and three sisters. Prior to entering Graymoor in 1933, he attended elementary and high school in Ozone Park. After completing a year of studies at St. John's minor seminary at Graymoor, he entered the novitiate on August 15, 1934 receiving his religious name of Gregory. He pronounced his first vows on August 16, 1935 and final vows on Sept. 14, 1938.

Upon the completion of his novitiate training Gregory began his studies in Philosophy and Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in philosophy and a Master's degree in sacred theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 16, 1943 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. Gregory celebrated his first mass at Gate of Heaven Parish, Ozone Park, NY; Eugene Figueroa, S.A., his brother, was Deacon; Albert, S.A., Sub-Deacon and Luke Fisher, S.A. homilist. After ordination Gregory taught in our minor seminary both at Graymoor and at Montour Falls, and at various times was rector

of each seminary. He later served 15 years at the Atonement Seminary in Washington, first as professor of theology and then as Guardian. From 1965 to 1970 he was engaged in pastoral ministry in Western Canada. On his return to the United States he served as an associate pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in East Norwalk, Connecticut prior to retiring to Graymoor in 1994.

Gregory died at Graymoor on October 21, 1996, at the age of 81 years.

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Note:

At one time there were 4 Figueroa's, all brothers who entered religious life as Franciscan Friars of the Atonement! Fr Eugene, Fr Gregory, Brother Terence and Brother Edward.

Father Gregory was the only one to persevere till death.

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