



Catholic radio loses Father Paul Keenan – June 13



I just heard that Father Paul Keenan, the longtime radio voice of the Archdiocese of New York, [died](#) a few days ago.

He had a show on WABC radio for many years. More recently, he was heard on the Catholic Channel on SIRIUS Satellite Radio.

He had an active [website](#) of his own.

The writer Susan Konig recorded some memories of him [here](#).

I met Father Keenan several times. He was very pleasant and easy to talk to. I could see why he did well on the radio.

Keenan also had a blog on the archdiocese's website. In his last post, "The triumph of kindness," dated June 3, he wrote:

There are millions of opportunities to test the triumph of kindness. I think of parents whose children have special needs or disabilities. How many times they may be tempted to react with understandable anger and frustration. And how many times they choose patience and kindness instead! It happens time after time, each and every day.

Or you can watch family and friends deal with people with speech impediments or with hearing difficulties. Instead of conversations being tense, these people take the whole thing as a matter of course without causing the other person hurt or embarrassment. It is the triumph of kindness once again.

Kindness, I think, is at its best when we are dealing with someone with whom we disagree. Can we express our opinions to each other without putting the other down or insulting them? If so, that is the triumph of kindness.