



Diocese  
of  
Cleveland

Cathedral Square

Reverend and Dear Father,

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

*The Reverend Edward F. Prendergast  
Pastor Emeritus, Saint Christopher Parish, Rocky River*

died early Sunday morning, 14 December, at the Regina Health Center, after receiving the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.


Edward Francis Prendergast, the son of the late Robert and Marie (nee Annen) Prendergast, was born on 18 July 1926, in Lakewood, Ohio. He was educated at Saint Clement Elementary School, Saint Ignatius High School, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, Michigan, and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 28 April 1951, Bishop Edward F. Hoban ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Father Prendergast's first assignment was as assistant at Saint Luke Parish where he served from 15 May 1951 to 7 June 1956, when he was transferred to Saint Henry Parish in Cleveland. After a brief period of service there, Father Prendergast was appointed a faculty member at Borromeo Seminary on 10 September 1956. On 9 June 1971, he was named Vice Rector of Borromeo Seminary High School. On 23 January 1973, he became pastor of Saint Christopher Parish, Rocky River. He served until his retirement as Pastor Emeritus on 1 July 1997.

In accord with the request made by Father Prendergast, his wake will take place at the McGorray-Hanna Funeral Home, 14133 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 December. Father Prendergast requested that his casket remain closed after leaving the funeral home and his body taken to Saint Christopher Church, 20141 Detroit Road, for his Funeral Mass with no Vespers or wake the day before. The Funeral Mass for Father Prendergast will take place on Thursday 18 December at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Christopher Church. Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the principal celebrant and Father John F. Murphy will serve as the homilist. Burial will take place in the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park.

In accord with the provisions of the Marian Pact, please try to attend and concelebrate the Funeral Liturgy, offer Mass for him as you are able and cause him to be remembered and prayed for in the appropriate public prayers of the Church. May Father Edward Prendergast and all our brother priests, deacons, and bishops who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Sister Therese Guerin Sullivan, SP, JCL  
Chancellor