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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Reverend and Dear Father,

*The Reverend James R. Schleicher
Pastor Emeritus, Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Akron*

died Tuesday, 23 February, at the parish rectory, after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.

James R. Schleicher, the son of the late William and Viola (nee Dorsey) Schleicher, was born on 10 November 1929, in Chicago, Illinois. He was educated at Christ the King Elementary School, Chicago, Cathedral Seminary, Brooklyn, New York, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, Michigan and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 18 December 1954, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Archbishop Edward F. Hoban ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.


Father Schleicher's first assignment was as an assistant at Saint Mary Parish, Akron. On 21 June 1960, he was transferred to Saint Bernard Parish, Akron where he served as an assistant until 10 June 1965. On that date, he was appointed assistant at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Middleburg Heights. On 29 June 1971, he began a new assignment at Saint Sebastian Parish, Akron as Associate Pastor. On July 23, 1974, Father Schleicher was appointed pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Akron. He served there until 2 August 2008 when he retired and received the title Pastor Emeritus.

In 1975, Father Schleicher was appointed Spiritual Director of the Akron Particular Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. From 1980 through 1989, he served as a Diocesan Consultor and Dean of the Summit County South Deanery.

The wake will be held in Saint Francis de Sales Church, 4019 Manchester Road, Akron, on Sunday, 28 February from, 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. with Vespers being sung at 3 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 1 March, at 11 a.m. Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the principal celebrant and Father James Vesely will be the homilist. Burial will be in the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery.

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 James Schleicher and our priests, deacons, and bishop who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,


Sister Therese Guerin Sullivan, S.P., J.C.L.
Chancellor