

*The Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Bacher*  
*Pastor, Saint George Parish, Clinton*

died on Saturday, 12 April 2008, at Akron City Hospital, after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.

Robert Edward Bacher was born on 17 February 1924, in Akron. His parents were the late Andrew and Hilda (nee Newhome) Bacher. He was educated at Saint Martha Grade School, Akron, Saint Charles Seminary High School and College, Catonsville, Maryland, and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 22 May 1948, Bishop Edward F. Hoban ordained him to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

His first assignment was as assistant at Saint Aloysius Parish, Cleveland. On 1 September 1954, Father Bacher became a professor at Borromeo Minor Seminary, Wickliffe. On 8 January 1959, he was appointed Vice Rector of Borromeo Seminary High School. On 28 July 1961, he became Rector of the High School Seminary. Monsignor Bacher completed that assignment on 9 June 1971, and was appointed Chairman of the Diocesan Committee on Continuing Education for Priests. On 6 May 1972, he was named Executive Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Priestly Formation in Washington, D.C. On 1 September 1976, he returned to Cleveland and received the appointment of Rector of Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 8 January 1985, he became pastor of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, Brook Park. He served at the parish until 1 December 1987, when he became President of Saint Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland. On 1 January 1992, he returned to the Diocese where he was appointed to the pastorate of Saint George Parish, Clinton. Monsignor Bacher was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

From 1980 through 1986, Monsignor Bacher served as a Canonical Consultor. From 1986 through 1987, he served as Dean of the Cuyahoga County Suburban Southwest Deanery. From 1995 through 2000, he served as a member of the College of Consultors.

In recognition of his many achievements, His Holiness Pope John XXIII appointed him a Papal Chamberlain on 10 March 1960. His Holiness Pope John Paul XXIII subsequently elevated him to the rank of a Domestic Prelate on 20 January 1962.

The wake will begin on Wednesday, 16 April, at the Dunn Quigley Funeral Home, 811 Grant Street, Akron from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The wake will begin on Thursday, 17 April, at Saint George Parish, Clinton with the singing of Vespers at 3:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m.

On Friday, 18 April, the Reception of the Body will take place at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 4019 Manchester Road, Akron. The Funeral Mass will begin there at 11:00 with the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon as the principal celebrant. Reverend Edward T. Estok, Jr. will be the homilist. Burial will take place in All Saints Cemetery, Northfield.

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 Monsignor Robert Bacher 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, S.P., J.C.L.  
Chancellor