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Cleveland

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Reverend and Dear Father,

*The Reverend Robert L. Hoban  
Pastor, Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Parma*

died Tuesday evening, 11 November, after receiving the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments. Father Hoban had been suffering from cancer.

Robert Leo Hoban, Jr., the son of Robert and Lucy (nee Brannigan) Hoban, was born on 4 January 1953. He was educated at Saint Clement Elementary School, Lakewood, Saint Edward High School, Lakewood, Borromeo College, Wickliffe, and Saint Mary Seminary. On 9 June 1979, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Bishop James A. Hickey ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

His first assignment was as associate pastor of Saint Martin of Tours Parish, Maple Heights. On 28 June 1984, he was transferred to Immaculate Conception Parish, Willoughby, where he served as associate pastor until 14 June 1989. On that date, Father Hoban was appointed associate pastor of Saint Angela Merici Parish, Fairview Park. On 20 June 1995, he was named associate pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Parma. On 11 February 1998, Father Hoban became administrator pro tem at the parish. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla appointed Father Hoban pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish on 29 July 1998. Father Hoban was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

On Sunday, 16 November, the wake will begin with the reception of the body and the singing of Vespers at 3:00 p.m. in Saint Francis de Sales Parish Church, at State and Snow Roads, Parma. The visitation will continue until 8:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Francis de Sales Parish Church on Monday, 17 November. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon. The Reverend Albert A. Krupp will serve as the homilist. A private burial will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon.

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 Robert Hoban and all our brother priests, deacons, and bishops who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Reverend Edward T. Estok, Jr., M.A., M.Div.  
Assistant Chancellor