



Diocese
of
Cleveland

Cathedral Square

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Reverend and Dear Father,

The Reverend Joseph W. McMahon
Retired Co-Chaplain, Saint Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland

died Sunday, 6 September, at the Regina Health Center, after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.

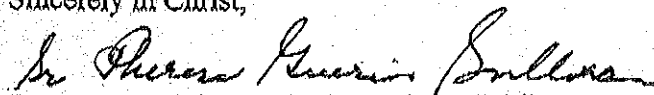
Joseph Willard McMahon, the son of the late Joseph and Hilda (nee Reis) McMahon, was born in Cleveland on 24 December 1929. He was educated at Holy Name Grade School and High School, Cleveland and Saint Gregory Minor Seminary, Cincinnati. He completed his studies for the priesthood at Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 19 May 1956, Archbishop Edward F. Hoban ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.

Father McMahon's first assignment was as an assistant at Saint Luke Parish, Lakewood. On 12 June 1958, he was appointed to the faculty of Borromeo Seminary. On 7 July 1971, he was appointed associate pastor at Saint Mary Parish, Chardon. On 6 January 1975, Father McMahon was appointed chaplain to the Notre Dame Sisters at Regina High School and a member of the faculty at Notre Dame College. On 30 August 1979, he became an associate in residence at Saint Margaret Mary Parish, South Euclid in addition to his teaching assignment at Notre Dame College. On 19 November 1981, he became an associate pastor at Saint Margaret Mary Parish, South Euclid. Father McMahon served there until 1 August 1982, when he was transferred to Our Lady of Peace Parish, Cleveland as an associate pastor. On 24 February 1987, he became co-chaplain of Saint Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland. On 1 August 1993, he received the additional assignment of Delegate for Senior Priests. He served in both capacities until his retirement on 1 July 1999. From 23 February 2004 to 2 August 2004, he had been the Presbyteral Moderator for Divine Word Parish, Kirtland and Saint Philip Neri Parish, Cleveland.

The wake for Father McMahon will begin with Vespers on Thursday, 10 September, at 3:00 p.m. in the Church of the Divine Word, 8100 Eagle Road, Kirtland. The wake will continue until 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 11 September, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of the Divine Word. Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the principal celebrant and Father David Woost will be the homilist.

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 Joseph McMahon and all our 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