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Diocese  
of  
Cleveland

Cathedral Square

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Reverend and Dear Father,

***The Reverend B. Thomas Zeisig***  
***Pastor Emeritus, Saint Eugene Parish, Cuyahoga Falls***

died on Sunday, 30 December, at Akron General Hospital, after having received the prayerful consolations of the Sacraments. Father Zeisig had been hospitalized for surgery and died from complications.

Bernard Thomas Zeisig, the son of the late Bernard and Margaret (nee Bly) was born on 3 February 1931, in Akron. He was educated at Saint Martha Elementary School, Saint Charles Seminary High School, Catonsville, Maryland, and Saint Mary High School, Akron. In preparation for the priesthood, he studied at Saint Gregory Seminary and Mount Saint Mary Seminary, both in Cincinnati, and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On 18 May 1957, Archbishop 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 Edward Parish, Ashland. On 8 June 1961, he was transferred to Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Cleveland, where he served as Assistant until 14 February 1964, when he became Assistant at Saint Raphael Parish, Bay Village. On 16 June 1969, Father Zeisig became assistant chaplain at Saint Thomas Hospital, Akron. On 24 June 1971, he was appointed Associate Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Cuyahoga Falls. Father Zeisig was appointed Pastor of Saint Eugene Parish, Cuyahoga Falls on 29 June 1978. He served in that capacity until his retirement as Pastor Emeritus on 14 September 2001. In recent years he resided at Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Akron.

The wake will begin on Friday, 4 January, at 3:00 p.m. with the singing of Vespers in Saint Eugene Church, 1821 Munroe Falls Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls. The wake will continue until 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will occur on Saturday, 5 January at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Eugene Church. Bishop Emeritus Anthony M. Pilla will be the principal celebrant and Father Robert Friedel will be the homilist. Burial will be in the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron.

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 B. Thomas Zeisig 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