



Dear Priests and Deacons,

*The Reverend John J. Wright  
Senior Priest-Retired*

died Thursday, 3 May 2018, after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.

John Joseph Wright was born on 1 May 1944. His parents were the late Robert and Rita (Hughes). He was educated at St. Leo Elementary School, Rhode Island, Bayview Academy, Rhode Island, St. Christopher Elementary, Rocky River, St. Louis Elementary, Pittsford, NY, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Rochester, NY, St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. and St. Mary Seminary, Wickliffe. On 12 June 1978 in Gesu Divin Maestro, Rome, John Cardinal Wright ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Father Wright's first assignment was as Parochial Vicar at St. Bernadette, Westlake. On 29 September 1979 he was named coordinator of the Diocesan Building Commission and Associate Secretary of the Diocesan Financial and Legal Office. From 1 September 1981 until 31 May 1986 he served as a Canonical Consultor. On 2 January 1982, Fr. Wright was appointed Secretary for the Diocesan Financial and Legal Office. During this assignment he assumed the following: Chaplain, Catholic Lawyer's Guild, Anchor Club; trustee, St. Mary Seminary; chairman, Diocesan Hospitalization Committee; member, Priest's Retirement Board; Bishop's representative, liaison, Diocesan Insurance Service Committee; Bishop's representative, Workmen's Compensation; Bishop's representative, Oliver Tyrone and New York Project. Fr. Wright was also a member of the following: Board of Catholic Cemeteries Association, Diocesan Budget Committee, Board of Central Purchasing and Central Maintenance, Diocesan Building Commission, and Distribution and Management Committees of Catholic Education Endowment Trust.

While residing at Jennings Center for Older Adults, Fr. Wright served as Chaplain, Sisters of the Holy Spirit, from 1 March 1991 until 18 October 1999. On 18 October 1999 Fr. Wright was named pastor of St. Timothy, Cleveland. From 19 November 1996 until 31 August 2009 Fr. Wright was the Director of Catholic Cemeteries Association. He served as administrator of Holy Spirit, Garfield Heights from 1 January 2008 until 1 March 2008. On 1 September 2009 he was named administrator of St. Pius X, Bedford. Fr. Wright was appointed administrator of St. Mary, Bedford on 22 October 2009. On 22 November 2009 Fr. Wright was named pastor of Our Lady of Hope, Bedford until his retirement on 18 June 2014. Fr. Wright served the local Church with great dedication and devotion. His commitment to the poor and marginalized, care for the grieving and attention and pastoral care for his co-workers will be greatly missed.

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The wake will begin with Vespers on Monday, 14 May 2018 in St. Dominic Church, 19000 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Hts. OH 44122 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Roger Gries will preside and be the homilist. The wake will continue until 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, 15 May 2018 in St. Dominic Church, Shaker Hts. at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the main celebrant and Father Tom O' Donnell will be the homilist. Interment All Saints Cemetery in 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 Fr. Wright and all our bishops, priests and deacons who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Donald P. Oleksiak  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia