



***I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
he who believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26).***

April 4, 2005

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Joseph P. Killeen, entered eternal life on Saturday, April 2, 2005, at the age of 70.

Fr. Killeen was ordained in Detroit on June 2, 1962. After ordination he served as associate pastor of St. Columban Parish, Birmingham, and St. Alfred Parish, Taylor.

His Pastorates include St. Blase Parish, Sterling Heights, and St. Rita Parish, Holly, where he served from February 1993, until his retirement in July of 2001.

Lynch and Sons Funeral Home are handling funeral arrangements, 404 East Liberty, Milford (248-684-6645). Visitation at the funeral home will be on Tuesday, April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Father's body will be transferred to St. Rita Parish on Wednesday, April 6. His body will lie in state at the parish and visitation will take place from 3 to 9 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue at the parish on Thursday, April 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continue until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Father Killeen is predeceased by brothers James and Jack, and his sister-in-law, Mary. He is survived by his brothers, George (Carolyn), Thomas, sister-in-law Georgia; and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of the funeral home.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Killeen. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit