



**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
*(Revelation 14:13)***

December 5, 2006

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father John William Markham, entered eternal life on December 5, 2006 at the age of 78.

Father Markham was born on September 24, 1928 in Detroit and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 5, 1954. His many assignments included service as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Anchorville (1954-1955), Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Lincoln Park (1955-1959), St. John the Evangelist Parish, Detroit (1959-1964) and St. Agnes Parish, Detroit (1964-1968). He served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Detroit from 1968-2006.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the James H. Cole Funeral Home, 2624 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit (313-873-0771). Visitation will be at St. Elizabeth Church, 3138 E. Canfield, Detroit, on Friday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m.

Father Markham's body will lie in state at St. Elizabeth Church on Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit.

Father Markham is survived by two sisters, Eileen Giroux and Mary Ellen Fisher; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Condolences may be sent to his nephew, John Wright, 2800 Claymar Drive, Washington, MI 48095.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Markham. 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**