



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

October 16, 2007

Dear Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese:

Deacon William Johr, our brother in the ministry, entered eternal life on Saturday, October 13, at the age of 77.

Deacon Johr was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on April 25, 1976. He served at St. Lucy Parish, St. Clair Shores; Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe; and St. Matthew Parish, Detroit, until achieving senior deacon status in 2002.

Visitation will be at the Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, (586) 725-0177, on Tuesday, October 16, from 2 to 9 p.m. with a Scripture service at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 17, Deacon Johr's body will lie in state at St. Matthew Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, beginning at 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Permanent Deacons are invited to participate as a group at the liturgy and are asked to bring an alb and diaconal stole.

Deacon Johr is survived by his wife, Phyllis Cahill Johr, as well as by five children and 11 grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the family at 23336 Middlesex St., St. Clair Shores, 48080.

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

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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Adam Cardinal Maida  
Archbishop of Detroit