



**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)***

May 21, 2008

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Jasper F. Sirianni, entered eternal life on Tuesday, May 20, at the age of 87.

Father Sirianni was born on August 14, 1920, in Kane, PA, and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on October 26, 1946. His many assignments included serving as administrator and pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Emmett; pastor of St. Matthias, Sterling Heights; St. Philip Neri, Detroit; and St. Theodore of Canterbury, Westland; and as associate pastor of St. Edward, Detroit; St. Clement, Dearborn; St. Ignatius, Detroit; and St. Alphonsus, Dearborn. Father Sirianni also served as vicar of the old North Macomb Vicariate and was a member of the Presbyteral Council.

Kammeraad Funeral Home is handling the arrangements, 80375 Main, Memphis (810-392-2750). Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 22, from 4 until 7 p.m. Father's body will be transferred to St. Peter Parish, 98 New Street, Mt. Clemens, on Friday, May 23. Visitation will be from 7:30 until 9 p.m., with a scripture service at 8 p.m.

Father Sirianni's body will lie in state at St. Peter Parish on Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at a later date.

Father Sirianni is survived by cousins, Diana (Jim) Catallo-Porter and Gus Catallo; several cousins in Pennsylvania; and several nieces and nephews. Father is also survived by his very dear friends and caregivers, George and Julia Jacob.

Condolences may be sent to Gus Catallo, 26049 Currier, Dearborn Heights, 48125, or to Mr. and Mrs. George Jacob, 26122 Ashland, Harrison Township, 48045.

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