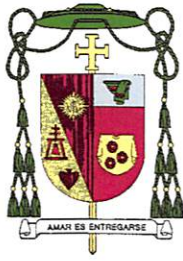


DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 8, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the season of Lent, it is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Rev. Charles Francis Devine, a retired priest of our Diocese, March 6, 2019, Ash Wednesday, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Hemet. Fr. Charles had been in failing health for some years, still remaining active in his retirement. Recently, his health declined rapidly. He died peacefully, grateful for the gift of his life and ministry, for family members, priests, friends and caregivers who had visited and supported him in his last illness. May he now rest in Resurrection Light.

Charles Devine was born December 7, 1935 in Los Angeles, CA to Edward Joseph Devine and Jane Rebecca (Miller) Devine. He was baptized soon after at St. Raphael Church, Los Angeles. He attended elementary school 1942-50, at St. Anselm, Los Angeles, high school 1950-51 at Los Angeles College and 1951-54 at Junipero Serra, Gardena. Discerning a call to priesthood, Charles joined Lady Queen of Angels Seminary, Los Angeles 1954-55, St. Mary's College, Moraga, 1956-59 graduating with a BA, Immaculate Heart Seminary, San Diego, 1960-65. On completion of his studies, Charles Francis Devine was ordained priest for the Diocese of San Diego, May 27, 1965, by Most Rev. Francis J. Furey at St. Joseph Cathedral.

After ordination, Fr. Charles served in parishes in San Diego, 1965-70, after which time he did graduate studies in Loyola University, Los Angeles graduating in 1973 with an MA in Educational Administration. Recognized for his interest and talent in the Field of Education, he was assigned to teaching positions in Aquinas High School, San Bernardino, Notre Dame High School, Riverside and 1973-80 was Principal of Aquinas Highschool, San Bernardino, where he was highly regarded in the school community. After retiring from School Administration, then incardinated into the newly established Diocese of San Bernardino, Fr. Charles availed of ongoing education in the Vatican II Institute in Santa Barbara. He was interim Director of Planned Giving, served short term in St. Louis, Cathedral City, and in Queen of Angels, Sacred Heart Mission Anza, Idyllwild. From 1985-97 he served as pastor of St. Anthony Church in San Jacinto, and 1997-2001 at Queen of Angels, Idyllwild. Fr. Charles retired from active ministry in 2001 but was eager to supply as needed in the Hemet Vicariate especially with the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church Community, where he was greatly appreciated and cared for as his health declined.

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There will be a Vigil Service at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel, 3520 East Washington Street, Colton, CA 92324, Thursday, March 14, 2019. Viewing 5:00PM - 7:00PM. Rosary - 7:00PM.

In gratitude for Fr. Charles Devine's life and priestly service among us, I will celebrate Mass of Resurrection 10:00AM, Friday, March 15, 2019 at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 34750 Whisper Heights, Winchester, CA 92596. Reception following Mass at Monteleone Meadows. Interment 3:00PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, 3520 East Washington Street, Colton, CA

I ask the priests to please remember Fr. Charlie in the customary three Masses and prayers for a brother priest, that he may rest eternally in God.

Fraternally,

+ Gerald R. Barnes

Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

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