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MONSIGNOR ROBERT E. METZGER PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS – Monsignor Robert E. Metzger, retired priest of the Diocese of Columbus, died on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, while in residence at St. Patrick Church, Junction City.

The son of Robert E. and Mary Elizabeth (Haug) Metzger, Father Metzger was born on March 1, 1934; he was baptized on March 18, 1934, at St. Patrick Church. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the former St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Columbus, and earned his theology degree from Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 28, 1960, at St. Joseph Cathedral, by the Most Rev. Clarence Isenmann, Bishop of Columbus. In 1992. He was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by Pope John Paul II.

During his years of priestly service, Msgr. Metzger served as an associate pastor at St. Leo Parish, Columbus, while also serving as an instructor at Columbus' Bishop Hartley High School; associate pastor at St. Dominic Parish, Columbus; associate pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Columbus, while also serving as an instructor at Columbus's St. Francis DeSales High School; pastor of St. Dominic Parish; pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Coshocton; and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Jackson, where he served until his retirement in 2004.

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Calling hours will be at St. Patrick Church, 1170 South State, Route 668, Junction City, on Sunday, January 1, from 4-6 p.m., immediately followed by a prayer vigil. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, January 2, at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick. The Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will be the principal celebrant; Bishop Emeritus James A. Griffin will concelebrate, as will the priests of the Diocese; Father Stephen Metzger will deliver the homily. Burial will immediately follow at St. Patrick Cemetery.