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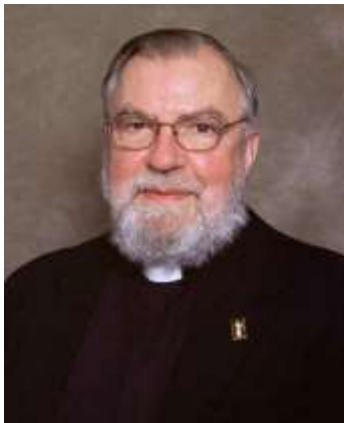
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News

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FATHER JOSEPH F. LOSH PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS – Father Joseph Francis Losh, longtime priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died January 31, 2017, at Mount Carmel-East Hospital.

The son of William and Flora (Young) Losh, he was born May 30, 1933, in Danville, Ohio. He was educated at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Elementary and High School, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korea and Vietnam wars.

After military service, Father Losh began studies and formation for the priesthood at the former St. Charles Borromeo College Seminary in Columbus, earning his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1960. He continued his studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, receiving his theology degree in 1964. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 30, 1964, by the Most Rev. Clarence G. Issenmann, Bishop of Columbus.

During his years of priestly service, Father Losh served as associate pastor, St. Mary Parish, Delaware, with teaching duties at the former St. Mary High School; associate pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Columbus, with teaching duties at Bishop Watterson High School; associate pastor, St. Nicholas Parish, Zanesville, with teaching duties at Bishop Rosecrans High School; administrator pro-tem, St. Therese Parish, Wainwright; and co-pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Columbus.

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He also served as associate pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Coshocton; associate pastor, St. Elizabeth Parish, Columbus; associate pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Grove City; and pastor, St. Joseph Parish, LaRue, until his retirement in 2004. During his priesthood, Father Losh was also very active with the Charismatic Community.

Calling hours for Father Losh will be Sunday, February 5, from 1-4 p.m., at the Maeder-Quint-Tiberi Funeral Home, 1068 S. High St., Columbus. Calling hours will resume Monday, February 6, at 9 a.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City, until just prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell will be the principal celebrant and homilist; Bishop Emeritus James A. Griffin will concelebrate, as will the priests of the Diocese; burial will immediately follow in the priests section at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Long-Term Health Care Fund for Retired Priests at the Diocese of Columbus, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, 43215.