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Obituaries

Deacon John Rericha Passes Away



Deacon John Rericha passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Riverside Hospital. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Novak Funeral Home and are as follows:

The body will be received on Friday, May 1, 2009, at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Prayer Service will be at 7:30 p.m. The funeral Mass will be at Saint Elizabeth on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 10 a.m., with Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell presiding in choir and Father Charles Cotton, pastor of Saint Elizabeth, as celebrant and homilist.

John James Rericha was the third of ten children born to John and Edith (McGarry) Rericha on September 28, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois. Deacon John and his wife Rita were married in 1961 and have one surviving son, Terry. Deacon John was predeceased by his son, Jerry. Deacon Rericha had a long history in the business world as production manager and quality engineer with Dayton Precision Co.; Rockwell International; and Ralston Purina. Deacon Rericha recently retired in December 2008 as the business manager at Saint Agatha Catholic Church, Columbus.

Deacon Rericha was ordained by Bishop James A. Griffin on February 1, 1997, in Saint Joseph Cathedral. He was appointed to Saint Elizabeth Parish for diaconal ministry since his ordination. In addition to his parish ministry, he was active with Saint Vincent DePaul Society serving as president as well as many years serving with the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN). He was involved in prison ministry for the diocese and recently worked closely with many Latino communities celebrating the sacraments for them in Spanish.