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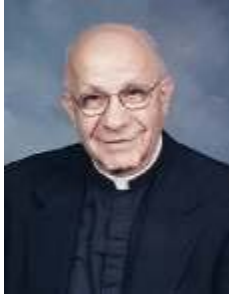
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Obituary

Monsignor William Maroon Passes Away



COLUMBUS - Reverend Monsignor William J. Maroon died on Friday, January 30, 2009.

The son of Abraham and Rose (Farrah) Maroon, Monsignor Maroon was born on October 1, 1929 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Rose (Hatem) Maroon and sister Gemma. He is survived by his brothers, Father Donald, Joseph and brother-in-law Ted Kessel. Monsignor Maroon attended elementary and high school in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Monsignor studied at St. Charles Borromeo College, Columbus, where he received a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1963. He studied theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Norwood, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1967.

Monsignor was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus on May 27, 1967 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Edward G. Hettinger. In 1992, he was named a Monsignor, when the Holy Father John Paul II bestowed upon him the title of Prelate of Honor.

His assignments included Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, Instructor of Religion, St. Joseph Academy, and Director of Religion, Bishop Ready High School. He was named administrator pro-tem then Pastor at Immaculate Conception, Kenton. He was pastor of St. Brendan the Navigator, Hilliard, and St. Mary, Portsmouth. Monsignor also served on the Personnel Board, as administrator of the Portsmouth Office of Catholic Social Services, and the College of Consultors. Monsignor retired in 2001, but served as administrator pro-tem of Seton

Parish, Pickerington, (2002-03) and the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, (2005). He returned to retirement in July, 2005.

Monsignor Maroon's body will be received at St. Brendan the Navigator Church, 4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard, on Monday, February 2, where friends may call from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Tuesday, February 3, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Wednesday, February 4, from 9:30 a.m. until the Funeral Mass, which will be celebrated at 11 a.m.. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will preside in choir, Bishop James A. Griffin will be the principal celebrant and Father Jack Dreese will offer the homily. Interment at New Straitsville will follow.