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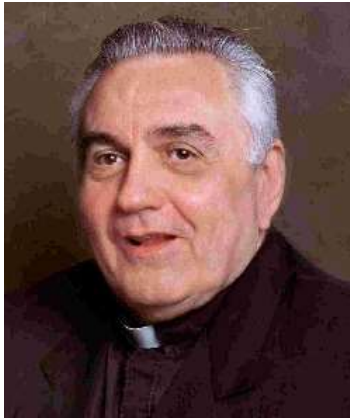
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News

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FATHER LAWRENCE REICHERT PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS – Father Lawrence James Reichert, longtime priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died June 30, 2018, at Columbus’ Mount Carmel/Saint Ann’s Hospital.

The son of Charles and Margaret (Dempsey) Reichert, he was born on November 30, 1944, and was baptized on December 31, 1944, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Columbus, where he also attended elementary school; he was also a graduate of Columbus’ Bishop Ready High School.

Father Reichert began his formation and college studies for the priesthood at the former St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Columbus, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967. His theological studies took place at Mount St. Mary’s of the West Seminary, Cincinnati, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Columbus by the Most Reverend Clarence E. Elwell, Bishop of Columbus, at St. John the Evangelist Church on May 29, 1971.

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During his priestly ministry, Father Reichert served as associate pastor, St. Agatha Parish, Upper Arlington, with teaching duties at Bishop Watterson High School, Columbus; associate pastor at St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Columbus, with teaching duties at Bishop Hartley High School; associate pastor at St. Nicholas Parish, Zanesville, with teaching duties at Bishop Rosecrans High School; pastor, Holy Name Parish, Columbus; pastor, St. Mary Parish, Groveport; and pastor, Church of the Ascension Parish, Johnstown, until his retirement in 2017.

Calling hours for Father Reichert will be on Thursday, July 5, at the Church of the Ascension, 555 South Main Street, Johnstown, Ohio, 43031, from 3 p.m.–7 p.m., with a Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. Calling hours will resume at the Church on Friday, July 6, at 10 a.m., concluding just prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will celebrate the Mass and preach the homily; Bishop Emeritus James A. Griffin will concelebrate, as will the priests of the Diocese; burial will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne.

In lieu of flowers, Father Reichert requested that donations be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference at the Church of the Ascension to help those in need.

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