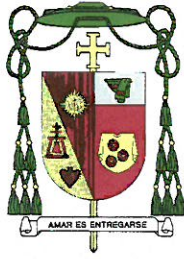


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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 22, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in communion with the Holy Trinity!

It is with sadness that I inform you that another of our priests, Fr. John Robert Gorman, was called to his eternal rest on May 15, 2018. A resident in Nazareth House, San Diego since his retirement from active ministry in our Diocese in 1998, he was for the past few years, as his health declined, in the Care Center at Nazareth House. Some months ago, he was hospitalized as a result of a fall and many health issues. Not regaining his strength, he peacefully waited in the presence of care givers, priests, friends, and his nephew, Dan Conaty, for the final call of the Good Shepherd. May he now rest in peace eternal.

John Gorman was born July 6, 1930, in Brooklyn, New York to Daniel and Mary (Moran) Gorman and was baptized July 27, 1930, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Brooklyn. He attended local Catholic and public elementary schools 1936-1945. Discerning a call to priesthood he attended Los Angeles Junior Seminary 1945-1950, California Holy Redeemer College, 1950-1952, New York Christ the King Seminary, 1952-1954, and Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon 1954-1958. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 19, 1958, for the Diocese of San Diego by Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy in St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego.

Fr. John's first parish assignment was as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Riverside from 1958-1961 and returning there from 1979-1980 for his last parish assignment as Associate Pastor in the newly established Diocese of San Bernardino. In the intervening years he served at St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove; St. George, Ontario; Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon; Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside; St. Edward, Corona; St. Anne in the Mountains, Running Springs; St. Bernardine, San Bernardino; St. John Bosco, East Highlands; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ramona; St. John the Evangelist, Riverside; Our Lady of Lourdes, Montclair; and San Gorgonio, Beaumont. From 1980 until he retired in 1998, Fr. John happily served as Chaplain at San Bernardino Community Hospital and helped supply in neighboring parishes as the need arose.

Choosing Nazareth House, San Diego, for his retirement because of nearness to family, Fr. John considered it a blessing to live there, availing himself of all the medical and spiritual care that he received over the years. He was grateful, too, for the contact with our Diocese of San Bernardino, for services rendered, visits and ongoing communication.

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I am grateful to God for Fr. John's presence and commitment to priestly ministry, running the race, as he did, to the end. May this good and faithful servant now rest in the fullness of Eternal Life.

Rosary for Fr. John Gorman will be Sunday, June 3, 2:30 PM, at Featheringill Mortuary, 6322 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, 92115. I will celebrate the Funeral Mass for Fr. John, Monday, June 4, 2018, 11:00 AM, in Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, 10818 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, 4470 Hilltop Drive, San Diego.

May we be in communion with one another as we remember him in prayer and in the customary Masses for our brother priest.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald R. Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

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