

# DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 9, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of Peace in this sixth week of Easter!

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Rev. James Moore was called to his eternal rest on May 3, 2018 on the Feast Day of St. Philip and St. James. Fr. Jim had been in declining health for the past several years, was in and out of hospitals and care centers. Some weeks ago, he was admitted to a hospice facility in Hemet, where he received the care and attention he needed during his final days, visited by his only brother, brother priests and care givers, and peacefully commending his spirit to Our Lord! May he now rest in peace eternal.

James Moore was born to Clessen and Doris (Vanderhoop) Moore in Denver, Colorado on April 30, 1945. He was baptized September 1, 1967, in Blessed Sacrament Church, San Diego. He attended Emory Elementary School, Imperial Beach, California and Mar Vista High School, Imperial Beach, 1961-64. Upon completion of his high school education, Jim attended Southwestern Junior College, Chula Vista, California, San Diego State, San Diego, California, and Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Responding to the call to priesthood, Jim attended St. Francis Seminary, San Diego, 1968-70, Josephinum Theologate, Worthington, Ohio and St. John's University, School of Divinity, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1971-74, graduating with a Masters in Pastoral Theology. James Moore was ordained to the priesthood August 24, 1974, for the Diocese of San Diego by Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, at St. Rose of Lima Church, Chula Vista, where he had served as a deacon.

Following ordination, Fr Jim began his priestly ministry at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, San Diego. Later, upon the establishment of the Diocese of San Bernardino, he served as associate pastor at St. Theresa, Palm Springs, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Riverside, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Indio, and as hospital chaplain at San Antonio Hospital, Upland, and at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He also served as pastor of St. Anne, Running Springs from 1992-98, later serving as parochial vicar, at St. James the Less, Perris, and pastor at Blessed Sacrament, Twenty-Nine Palms, from which parish he retired in 2006. After retirement from

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active ministry, Fr. Jim was eager to supply in different parishes as his declining health allowed. We are grateful for his priestly ministry among us as well as to brother priests who accompanied him on his journey.

Visitation will be 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, with Vigil Service at 6:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, All Souls Chapel, 3510 Washington St., Colton. On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 10:00 AM, I will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for Fr. Jim at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 2525 N. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall with burial at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery at 2:00 PM.

Let us keep Fr. James Moore in our prayers and in the customary Masses for a brother priest. Easter Peace to all!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Barnes".

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

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