

DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter greetings of Peace!

It is with sadness, yet with joy and gratitude for the life of a faithful priest, that I inform you of the death of Rev. Louis Nicholas Marx. Fr. Marx was called to his eternal rest early Friday morning, April 13, 2018, as he quietly prayed in the sanctuary of San Secondo d'Asti Church. He had been in declining health for some time, hospitalized on many occasions, yet still regaining sufficient energy to continue priestly service. He is survived by his only sibling, Anna Palfreyman, who lives in Texas, and her family. May he now rest in the eternal embrace of our Good Shepherd, whom he followed so closely.

Louis Marx was born to Nicholas Marx and Elizabeth Steilin Marx on July 11, 1940, in Evanston, Illinois. He was baptized in St. Jerome Church, Chicago. Moving to California, Louis attended elementary school (1945-1952) in Needles, Barstow and Hinkley. He also attended Barstow Union High School (1952-1958). Answering a call to priesthood, Louis attended St. Francis Minor Seminary, San Diego (1958-1960) and Immaculate Heart Seminary, San Diego (1960-1966). He was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego on May 19, 1966, in St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego by the Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego.

The first priestly assignment for Fr. Marx was assistant at St. Rita Parish, San Diego (1966-1968). Thereafter, he served at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, St. Rose of Lima Parish, and Holy Spirit Parish, San Diego, then at Sacred Heart Parish, Coronado, and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Rialto. With the establishment of the Diocese of San Bernardino in 1978, Fr. Marx was incardinated into the new diocese, serving as pastor of St. Anthony Parish, San Jacinto (1979-1985); Vicar Forane for the Hemet Vicariate (1981-1985); and pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Riverside (1985-1997), after which he was appointed pastor of San Secondo d'Asti Parish, Guasti, the parish community he has so lovingly and devotedly served, until he was called Home to the Pastor Bonus.

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In gratitude to God and in celebration of this “good and faithful servant”, there will be a Vigil Service on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at San Secondo d’Asti Church, 250 N. Turner Ave., Guasti with visitation at 6:30 pm and Rosary at 7:30 pm. I will celebrate the Funeral Mass on Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church, 12704 Foothill Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga. The Rite of Christian Burial will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, 3510 Washington St., Colton will be at 1:00 pm. Following the committal service, there will be a reception at Secondo d’Asti Parish Hall in Guasti.

Let us continue to remember our brother priest, Fr. Louis Marx, in our prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald R. Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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

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