



*Happy are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.  
(Rev. 14:13)*

July 18, 2005

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father William J. Dowell, entered eternal life on Sunday, July 17, 2005, at the age of 85.

Ordained on February 24, 1945, Fr. Dowell's first assignment was as associate pastor of Visitation Parish, Detroit. He was then appointed to Sacred Heart Seminary and served on the faculty from 1949 through 1966. His pastorates included: St. Clement of Rome Parish, Romeo; St. Sylvester Parish, Warren; St. Jude Parish, Detroit; and Prince of Peace Parish, West Bloomfield, where he served until his retirement in July of 1991.

Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 North Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (248-624-2251) will be handling funeral arrangements.

Fr. Dowell's body will lie in state at Prince of Peace Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248-681-9424) on Thursday, July 21, from 1 until 9 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. On Friday, July 22, visitation will continue at the church beginning at 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Fr. Dowell is survived by his brothers, John (Margaret) and George; a sister, Mary Jeanne (George) Peabody; and many nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. George Peabody, 41120 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Fr. Dowell. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Adam Cardinal Maida  
Archbishop of Detroit