



***I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.
(John 11:25)***

May 10, 2006

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Edward J. Farrell, entered eternal life on May 9, 2006 at the age of 75.

Fr. Farrell was born on March 9, 1931 in Detroit and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on December 16, 1956. His many assignments included serving as Vicar of the West Detroit Vicariate; a faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Major Seminary; Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Detroit; and Parochial Vicar at both St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Harper Woods, and St. Valentine Parish, Redford.

The James H. Cole Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (313) 873-0771. Fr. Farrell will be waked in the Bishop Gallagher Room of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 11, from 1:30 until 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 1:30 p.m. and an evening prayer at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, May 12, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., with a morning prayer at 9 a.m. and transference of Fr. Farrell's body to the Main Chapel at 7 p.m.

Fr. Farrell will lie in state on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 10 a.m., not the usual time of 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Fr. Farrell is survived by two sisters, Mary Catherine (Chuck) Swaney and Joan Abate; and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to Mary Catherine Swaney, 7755 Gary, Westland, MI 48185.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Fr. Farrell. 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