



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

December 20, 2007

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father William J. Pettit, entered eternal life on December 19 at the age of 80.

Father Pettit was born on August 11, 1927 in Detroit, and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 5, 1954. His many assignments included serving as associate pastor at St. Ambrose, Grosse Pointe Park; St. Joseph, Port Huron; and St. Timothy, Trenton. He also served as administrator at St. Agatha, Redford; St. Cecilia, Detroit; and St. Kenneth, Plymouth; and as pastor at St. Catherine, Detroit, St. Edward, Detroit; St. Pius, Southgate; St. Norbert, Inkster; and St. Kenneth, Plymouth.

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (248-627-3412). Father Pettit will be waked at St. Kenneth Parish, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Visitation will be on Friday, December 21, from noon until 7:30 p.m., with a Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, December 22, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at **10 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.**

Father Pettit is survived by a brother, Cyril (in New Jersey); nieces Margaret (Ed) Goward and Anne; nephews William and Joseph; and several other nieces and nephews living out of state. Condolences may be sent to Margaret Goward, 13215 Drury Lane, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Pettit. 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**