



***I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.***

***(John 11:25)***

June 20, 2008

Dear Father:

Our brother in the Lord, Deacon Wyatt Jones, Jr., entered eternal life on Thursday, June 19, at the age of 61.

Deacon Jones was born on December 19, 1946 and ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Detroit on October 15, 1994. His many assignments included St. Francis de Sales, St. Cecilia, Our Lady Gate of Heaven, Annunciation/Our Lady of Sorrows, and Precious Blood (now St. Peter Claver) Parishes, in Detroit.

Deacon Jones also served as a member of the archdiocesan staff as director of the Office for Black Catholic Affairs, co-director of the Office for the Church in the City, and director of the Office for Ethnic and Urban Concerns. He was the first dean of students at Loyola Academy (now High School), Detroit. Later, he served as school chaplain. From 2002 to 2005, Deacon Jones was the pastoral administrator of Precious Blood Parish.

James H. Cole Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (313-873-0771). Visitation will take place at St. Peter Claver Parish, 13305 Grove Ave., Detroit, on Wednesday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a Scripture service at 7 p.m.

Deacon Jones' body will lie in state at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit, on Thursday, June 26, from 10 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Deacon Jones is survived by his wife of 29 years, DeBorah; four children, Wyatt III (Tierra), Thomas (Tiona), James (Ayeshia), and Marion; and four grandchildren, Travis, Nicholas, Jazzmin, and Christian. Condolences may be sent to DeBorah Jones at St. Peter Claver Parish, 13305 Grove Ave., Detroit, MI 48235.

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

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Deacon Michael J. McKale  
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