



**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)*

January 8, 2009

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Ralph Kowalski, entered eternal life on Tuesday, January 6, at the age of 91. He died while on vacation in Florida.

Father Kowalski was born on March 23, 1917 in Detroit, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 30, 1942. His many assignments included serving as associate pastor at St. Alphonsus, Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Catherine, all in Detroit; pastor at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Woods; St. Bede, Southfield; and St. Francis de Sales, Detroit; and administrator at St. Michael, Livonia. Father Kowalski was also a professor at Marygrove College, a tribunal judge, and a director of the archdiocesan Department of Education.

Father Kowalski will be waked at the Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia (734-464-8060). Visitation will be on Monday, January 12, from 3 until 9 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Father Kowalski's body will lie in state at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, on Tuesday, January 13, from 10 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Father Kowalski is survived by nieces, Arlene Davis and Sister Joan Kowalski, OP; and a nephew, Sheldon.

Condolences may be sent to Father Edward Scheuerman, 14453 Levan Road, Apt. D, Livonia, 48154.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Kowalski. 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  
Apostolic Administrator  
Archdiocese of Detroit