



**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 1, 2009**

**Dear Father:**

**Our brother and fellow priest, Father Walter E. Burke, entered eternal life on Wednesday, November 25, at the age of 90.**

**Father Burke was born on May 3, 1919 in Joliet, Illinois and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 31, 1947. He served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn; St. Alfred Parish, Taylor; St. Brigid Parish, Detroit; St. Elizabeth Parish, Detroit; St. Agnes Parish, Detroit; St. Ambrose Parish, Grosse Pointe Park; St. Patrick Parish, White Lake; and St. Anselm Parish, Dearborn Heights. Father Burke served as pastor and chaplain at St. Camillus Parish, Eloise.**

**A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Parish, 630 Harmon Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Port Huron. A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd., Troy (248) 362-2500, is coordinating arrangements.**

**Father Burke is the brother of the late Father Robert Burke, former pastor of Holy Name Parish, Birmingham. He is survived by a niece, Maxine Borden.**

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

**Fraternaly yours in the Lord,**

**The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit**