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Father Donald McCarthy
June 08, 1933 - November 27, 2017

Rev. Donald Paul McCarthy peacefully passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Mt. Joseph Senior Village, Concordia, Kansas. He was 84 years old.

Fr. McCarthy was born in Galveston, Texas on June 8, 1933 to Edward and Ursula Celeste (Kidney) McCarthy. He was the only child of Edward and Ursula McCarthy.

Fr. McCarthy attended Kirwin High School, located in Galveston, Texas and graduated in 1951. He began his seminary studies at St. John's Seminary, San Antonio, Texas (1951-53) and completed his theological studies from Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, Texas (1953-59). Fr. McCarthy's love for education led him to further his educational pursuits at Baylor University, Waco, Texas (1960-61); St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas (1961-62) where he received a B.A. degree in History, Foreign Language, and Education in May, 1962. Fr. McCarthy went on to complete a Master of Arts degree in Education (Secondary Ed. Major, Minor in School Administration and Guidance and Counseling) in May, 1965 at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He also attended Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, Doctoral Program in Education (part-time – 1965, 1966, 1968; full-time 1982).

Fr. McCarthy was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Louis Reicher at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston, Texas on May 23, 1959 for the Diocese of Austin. He was granted permission by Bishop Reicher to be incardinated into the Diocese of Salina on October 29, 1968. Bishop Cyril J. Vogel was the Bishop of Salina also granting his incardination. Fr. McCarthy retired June, 2009. However, even in his retirement he continued his dedication to serve the diocese as a sports official for Kansas schools, Summer Lake Ministry at Glen Elder State Park, and was Chaplain at Mt. Joseph Senior Living Village in Concordia (2009-2017). Fr. McCarthy faithfully served his vocation and diocese for over fifty-eight years.

Fr. McCarthy devotedly served in the Diocese of Salina in a number of parishes and schools. His priestly appointments are as follows: 1962-63, Assistant Pastor at Seven Dolors, Manhattan, and Guidance Counselor at Luckey High School; 1963-65, Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Cathedral; 1963-70, Guidance Counselor and teacher at Sacred Heart High School in Salina; 1965, Assistant...

One of Fr. McCarthy's greatest joys was to witness his good friend and fellow priest, Fr. Stanley Rother's beatification in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on September 23, 2017. Despite his ill health he made the journey to Oklahoma to experience the beatification of his good friend. To quote Fr. McCarthy, "All of us are called to make sacrifices in life. Maybe not the supreme sacrifices (Father Rother) did, but all of us need to realize we have duties and obligations we cannot run from." Fr. McCarthy will always be remembered as serving his vocation to the last breath of his life and most importantly served God to his fullest.

Funeral services will be at 11 AM Monday, December 4 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Cawker City. A rosary service will be at 7 PM Sunday, December 3 at the Church. Memorials may be given to the Ursula Celeste McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Cornerstone Foundation.

SERVICES

**Prayer Service**
Sunday, December 03, 2017
7:00 PM
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
612 12th St.
Cawker City, KS 67430
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**Funeral Service**
Monday, December 04, 2017
11:00 AM
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
612 12th St.
Cawker City, KS 67430
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