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REVEREND MONSIGNOR THOMAS JOSEPH CULLEN (1925-2006) IRE & AL

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Reverend Monsignor Thomas Joseph Cullen

MOBILE, ALABAMA ? Reverend Monsignor Thomas Joseph Cullen, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama died on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in Mobile, Alabama, at a local health care facility.

Msgr. Cullen was born October 14, 1925, he was the son of Johnny and Brigid Cullen, Haddington Road, Dublin, Ireland.

Msgr. Cullen was ordained a priest on June 8, 1952, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, Ireland for the then Diocese of Mobile. Msgr. Cullen had served in a variety of pastoral responsibilities including Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Mobile; Pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Bayou La Batre: and in 1964 he was appointed Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile. On November 26, 1966 Msgr. Cullen was raised to the rank of the Domestic Prelate (Monsignor) by His Holiness Pope Paul VI. In 1976, Msgr. Cullen was again appointed Pastor of St. Margaret's Parish in Bayou La Batre. He also served as Administrator of St. Monica's Parish, Mobile (1986 -1988). In 1988 he was appointed Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Andalusia, Alabama until 1991. From 1991 ? 2004 Msgr. Cullen resided and served in the priestly ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Texas City, Texas. Msgr. Cullen formally retired from active priestly ministry in March 1996, though continuing to serve at St. Mary's in Texas City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Brigid Cullen, his brother, Sean J. Cullen, Dublin. Ireland.

Msgr. Cullen is survived by his sister, Maura J. Boyle, Woodside, New York; his brother, Michael Cullen, Dublin, Ireland. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, John D. Cullen Pensacola, Florida; Juanita M. T. Cullen, Dublin, Ireland; Thomas M. Cullen, Dublin, Ireland; Catherine P. Boyle, Woodside, New York; and Anne Marie Boyle- Clelland, Woodside, New York; Simone Cullen, Shauna Cullen, Johnny Cullen, Sophie Cullen, Grace

Cullen, and Pierce Cullen all of Dublin, Ireland.

A Memorial Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Texas City, Texas.

Wake services will be held at Radney Funeral Home 3155 Dauphine Street, Mobile Alabama, from 5 p.m. ? 8 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2006. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, March 6, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, Alabama, with interment following at the Priest Section of the Catholic Cemetery in Mobile, Alabama.

An Irish Blessing - May the sun always shine on your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain, May the hand of a friend always be near you, May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer.

Emken-Linton Funeral Home

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