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## PHILIP MCGRATH OBITUARY

**F**r. Philip J. McGrath 1928-2008 Fr. Philip J. McGrath, pastor emeritus of St. Bernard Church, Bellflower, California passed away on May 23, 2008. Born July 5, 1928 in Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland he received his elementary education in the local school where his mother taught. He also attended St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny for high school and seminary formation. Ordained June 6, 1954, he was appointed to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Philip Neri, Lynwood; St. Gerard Majella, Los Angeles; St. Mary Magdalen, Camarillo; St. Jerome, Los Angeles; St. Helen, South Gate; St. James the Less, La Crescenta; St. Madeleine, Pomona; and St. Patrick, North Hollywood. He came to St. Bernard Church in Bellflower in 1975, where he served as pastor for 23 years. He retired from active duty in 1998. Fr. McGrath is survived by his loving sister, Imelda Denmead (D.J.); brother, Richard; nephew Philip; niece, Pamela; and many relatives, friends and parishioners. Funeral Services will be held at St. Bernard Church 9647 East Beach St Bellflower CA 90706 beginning with



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parish hall. Burial at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave., Long Beach. It was Fr. McGrath's wish to be buried 'among his people' in the priests' section. His family is deeply grateful to the doctors and staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Long Beach; the Nazareth Sisters and staff of Nazareth House; the Brothers and staff of St. John of God Retirement and Care Center in Los Angeles; and Sr. Carmen of the Vicar for Clergy Office. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dhilis! All Souls Mortuary (562) 424-8601  
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The Sepulveda Family

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June 1, 2008

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