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"God of mercy and love, grant your servant and priest a glorious place at your heavenly banquet, for you made him here on earth a faithful minister of your word and sacrament."

Reverend Kevin William Cassidy

Reverend Kevin William Cassidy entered eternal life on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the age of 80, at Arrowhead Assisting Living in Glendale, Arizona. He was born on May 27, 1934 in Arva, County Cavan, Ireland and is predeceased by his parents, Peter and Jennie Cassidy.

After attending grade school at Sacred Heart, National School in Arva, County Cavan, Ireland, Father Cassidy attended High School and College at St. Patrick College. His collegiate studies included St. Kieran, Kilkenny Ireland, where he completed his collegiate studies in Philosophy, and St. Meinrad Seminary, Saint Meinrad, Indiana where he studied Theology. He was ordained by Bishop William P. O'Connor on May 28, 1960 at St. Raphael Cathedral, Madison.

Father Cassidy served the Diocese of Madison as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Baraboo and Director of Camp Gray, Baraboo. He served as Pastor of St. Mary of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Pardeeville with Mission to St. Andrew Parish, Buffalo; St. Cecilia Parish, Wisconsin Dells, and St. Mary Parish, Pine Bluff where he retired from in 2002. During his years of service to the Diocese of Madison, Father Cassidy served as the State Chaplain for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers' Association and as National Chaplain for the Elks Fraternal Organization.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 9728 West Palmeras Drive, Sun City, Arizona, on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, will be the main celebrant with Reverend Raymond W. Greco, O.S.B. as homilist. Visitation will be Friday, March 6th from 8:00 a.m. until the start of Holy Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Church; recitation of the Rosary will begin at 8:30 am. Interment at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614. Mass cards can be sent to Fr. Cassidy's sister: Mrs. Jean Gillette, 8765 McCarty Ranch Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

If priests desire to travel and concelebrate the Holy Mass of Christian Burial, please bring an alb and white stole. Please celebrate three Masses for the repose of his soul and offer intercessory prayers in your parish.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. James R. Bartylla
Vicar General, Diocese of Madison