



Wednesday evening, December 27th, God called home to Himself, our own Father McKenna. Father died peaceful, after a long period of sickness and physical ailments.

For almost forty-seven years, Father McKenna ministered to the people of the Archdiocese, notably the parishioners of Saint Christopher's in Barrytown, New York, Saint Gabriel's, Riverdale and for these past sixteen years the family of our own Saint Margarets.

He will be missed by all and we pray now for the happy repose of his soul.

Personally, for me, these past four years have been year in which I was privileged to have known and worked with Monsignor McKenna. Never once, throughout all these years, did I hear him complain or feel sorry for himself, because of his own problems. His dedication to others, his reverent offering of the Mass, his irrepressible sense of humor, his humility were constant reminders to me of what a priest should be.

A number of people have asked about a suitable memorial for this outstanding priest. Envelopes are available, in the vestibule, for this purpose.

We hope to memorialize Father's work here with a permanent remembrance in our Church and dedicate his memorial around Easter time.

THANK YOU

THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT, CARE AND GENUINE CONCERN WAS SIMPLY OVERWHELMING, AT THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF MONSIGNOR JOHN McKENNA. FOR THIS TREMENDOUS MANIFESTATION OF SUCH REAL AFFECTION, I AM MOST GRATEFUL.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PARISH STAFF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, EXCELSIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, PEARL RIVER AMBULANCE CORPS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, HONOR GUARD, ALTAR SERVERS, CHOIR, AND ESPECIALLY YOU, THE PEOPLE OF SAINT MARGARET'S, WHO CAME IN SUCH NUMBERS TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THIS FAITHFUL PRIEST.

MY APPRECIATION IN A SPECIAL WAY TO DAVID FISHER AND PAT McKIERNAN OF THE WYMAN FISHER FUNERAL HOME.