FATHER FLOYD RICHARD SNOKE PASSES AWAY

COLUMBUS – Father Floyd Richard “Dick” Snoke, long-serving priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died on April 15, 2019, while in hospice care at Mount Carmel-East Hospital.

The son of Floyd Richard Snoke Sr. and Katherine Lucille (Ackers) Snoke, Father Snoke was born on September 17, 1935, in Lancaster, Ohio. He was baptized on September 29, 1935, at St. Mary Church, Lancaster, where he also attended and graduated from St. Mary Elementary School and St. Mary High School.

Following graduation, he worked on the family farm and in his father’s garage, later studying poultry science at the Ohio State University before entering Columbus’ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he graduated in 1961. He then studied Theology at Mt. Saint Mary’s of the West Seminary, Cincinnati, where he graduated with a master’s degree in 1965. He also received a master’s degree in education from Xavier University, Cincinnati. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Columbus by Most Rev. John J. Carberry at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 29, 1965.
During his 54 years of service in the Diocese, Father Snoke served at St. Leo Catholic Church, Columbus, while instructing at Columbus’ Bishop Hartley and Father Wehrle high schools; assistant principal at St. Francis DeSales High School, Columbus, and Bishop Watterson High School, Columbus, and later as principal at Notre Dame High School, Portsmouth, and Bishop Flaget High School, Chillicothe.

Returning to full-time parish life, Father Snoke also served as pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, New Lexington, and pastor, St. Luke Parish, Danville, retiring from priestly ministry in 2012. Father Snoke was also very involved in the Knights of Columbus, both in parishes where he served and with the Ohio State Council, especially the Ohio State Circle of Columbian Squires.

Calling hours for Father Snoke will be Monday, April 22, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Sheridan Funeral Home, 222 South Columbus St., Lancaster. Calling hours will continue on Tuesday, April 23, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at St. Luke Catholic Church, 307 North Market Street, Danville. Calling hours will resume at St. Luke on Wednesday, April 23, at 9 a.m., and continue until just prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The Most Rev. Robert Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, will celebrate the Mass and deliver the homily; Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell and Bishop Emeritus James Griffin will concelebrate, along with the priests of the Diocese; burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Father Snoke’s name to the Sanctuary Community Action, 304 South Market Street, Danville, Ohio, 43014, or to the Ohio State Circle of Columbian Squires (www.ohiosquires.org).