FATHER JOSEPH EHWALD PASSES AWAY

COLUMBUS – Father Joseph Anthony Ehwald, longtime priest in the Diocese of Columbus, died on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor.

The son of George and Hedwig (Mueller) Ehwald, Father Ehwald was born on December 19, 1936, at Saint Ann’s Hospital, Columbus. He graduated from Columbus’ Corpus Christi Parish School, St. Charles Preparatory School, and the college program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; and completed his theological studies at Mount St. Mary’s of the West Seminary, Cincinnati. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Columbus by the Most Rev. Clarence Issenmann, Bishop of Columbus, at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 26, 1962.

During his 57 years of priestly ministry, Father Ehwald served at St. Christopher Parish, Columbus, while instructing at Columbus’s Bishop Watterson High School; Saint Mary Parish, Marion, while instructing at Marion Catholic High School; and St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark, while instructing at Newark Catholic High School.
He also served as pastor, Saint Bernadette Parish, Lancaster; St. Leo Parish, Columbus; and Holy Name Parish, Columbus. In later years, he served as at St. Pius X Parish, Reynoldsburg; and as a chaplain at Columbus’ Riverside Methodist Hospital, retiring from priestly ministry in 2004. Father Ehwald also enjoyed a long-time association with the Newark Männerchor.

At his request, Father Ehwald’s body was donated for anatomical study at the Ohio State University. A Memorial Mass for Father Ehwald will be celebrated on Friday, April 26, 2 p.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. The Most Rev. Robert Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, will celebrate the Mass; Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell and Bishop Emeritus James Griffin will concelebrate, along with the priests of the Diocese; Father James Walter will deliver the homily. Friends may visit before and after the Mass.

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