

Requiem Mass and Burial
June 20, 2014

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR
ON THE FUNERAL OF FR. KENNETH WALKER, FSSP

The funeral for Fr. Kenneth Walker was moving and beautiful. The prayers of a Requiem Mass are very consoling. Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz of Lincoln and Bishop Olmstead of Phoenix were present along with Msgr. Thornburn from Lincoln. Fr. Berg flew in from our international headquarters in Fribourg, Switzerland, and celebrated the Mass with Fr. Flood as Deacon. Fr. Walker's classmates served all the rest of the positions in the sanctuary. The Walker Family have a strong faith, and through this most difficult time, have accepted God's calling their son to heaven.

I delivered the spiritual bouquet and FSSP Rosary on behalf of Regina Caeli Parish. The Walkers were moved by all the prayers and appreciated the rosary. Mrs. Walker took it to touch her son's body so she would have a third class relic. I had a nice long chat with Mr. Walker, whom I met before at the seminary. His son had spoken of me and the work at the seminary. Mr. Walker is a real handyman and we talked about the log cabins he built with his son.

The church was packed and there was a large screen in the hall for the overflow. The chant was very beautiful and everyone was praying. The procession of cars to the cemetery was well over a mile long.

I am really glad, and thank God, I could make it. Thank you for all your prayers for Fr. Walker, his family and for Fr. Terra.

In union of prayers,
Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP