

DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a sense of loss, yet with great hope in these times, that I inform you that Fr. Michael R. McNally was called to his eternal rest July 4, 2020. Fr. Mike, 91, residing at his home in San Bernardino suffered a severe stroke June 25. He was admitted to Loma Linda University Medical Center, aware of and accepting his condition, and a week afterwards to Hospice Care in Ontario Health Care Center, where he died peacefully in the presence of caregivers and friends, We pray that he may now enter the joy of our loving God, whom he trusted, loved and faithfully served. How blessed we were to have had him in our midst for these many years!

Michael Rand McNally was born in Clifton, Kansas, November 8, 1928, to Roy Rand and Elda (O'Neill) McNally. He was baptized March 21, 1929, at St. Mary, Clifton, Kansas. He attended elementary school and high school in New Richmond, Wisconsin after which, in 1946 he entered the Jesuit Seminary in Florissant, Missouri. From 1946 to 1961 he was in Jesuit Formation, attending Jesuit Seminaries and Colleges including St. Louis University, Missouri; Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington; Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classics and Philosophy, a Master of Arts in English and an STB in Theology, proficient in English and Latin. Completing his studies, he was ordained to the Society of Jesus on June 16, 1959, by Auxiliary Bishop, Most Reverend Roman Atkieski in Gesu, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Following ordination, Fr. Michael McNally, SJ, was instructor in Theology at Campion High School and Marquette University, Wisconsin, before coming to the Diocese of San Diego in 1963 where he served as associate pastor and was incardinated January 6, 1967. During the following 10 years he eagerly shared his priestly ministry and education as member of the faculty of University Boys High School and of the Staff of the Department of Catholic Education for the Diocese of San Diego.

Fr. Mike was appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Twentynine Palms, in 1977 where he served until his appointment to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Crestline in 1982. Most Reverend Phillip Straling appointed Fr. Michael McNally pastor of San Salvador and Immaculate Conception Parishes, Colton in 1985, where he served until retirement in 2000. Always delighted to continue his priestly ministry he supplied as chaplain to the VA Medical Center, Loma Linda and at March Air Reserve Base, Riverside.

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Over the years, Fr. Mike was indeed a servant of the people, continuing to show a great interest in the education of youth, in the wellbeing of his retired brother priests and in the ongoing mission of our Diocese, as expressed in his communication with me only two weeks ago. I am sure that, as our God greeted him on Saturday last, he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

At the request of his estate, Fr. Michael R. McNally will be laid to rest with a private Catholic burial service at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery, Colton on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 11:30AM. Brother priests, wishing to attend and subject to the directives in this pandemic time, are welcome to join in the service. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Please keep Fr. Mike in your prayer and remember him in the three Masses offered for a brother priest

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Barnes".

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

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