



**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
*(Revelation 14:13)***

October 19, 2006

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Gerald Francis Britz, entered eternal life on October 18, 2006 at the age of 83.

Father Britz was born on May 23, 1923 in Marine City and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 22, 1948. Between the years of 1948 and 1962, he served as parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Erie, and St. Catherine, St. Monica, and St. Rose of Lima Parishes, all in Detroit. Father Britz then served as chaplain at Dominican High School, Detroit; pastor at Visitation Parish, Detroit, St. Basil the Great Parish, Eastpointe, and St. Malachy Parish, Sterling Heights. More recently, he served as administrator at St. Mary Parish, Port Huron, and at St. Christopher Parish, Marysville.

Father Britz will be waked at the Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, 4061 St. Clair Highway, China, MI, (810-329-4766). Visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday, October 19, from 4 to 9 p.m., and at St. Christopher Parish, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, on Friday, October 20, from 3 to 9 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Father Britz will lie in state at St. Christopher Parish on Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. until the celebration of his funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Marine City.

Father Britz is survived by a brother, Patrick (Mildred); a sister, Agnes Rumenapp; and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to Agnes Rumenapp, 36600 Pound Road, Richmond, MI 48062.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Britz. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit