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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors and Parish Staff Members
in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Pastoral Center Staff

FROM: Deacon Rick Wells, J.C.L., Chancellor *RW*

RE: Reverend Robert G. Young, O.F.M.
July 13, 1949 – November 5, 2017

Reverend Michael McDonnell, O.F.M.
November 6, 1938 - November 3, 2017

DATE: November 6, 2017

Reverend Robert G. Young, O.F.M., 68, a Franciscan priest of the Province of Santa Barbara, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 5, 2017, due to an auto accident in Tampa, resulting from a heart attack.

Father Young was ordained to the priesthood on September 11, 1982. He came to the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2016, residing at St. Anthony Friary. During his brief time in our diocese, he provided ministry to area parishes and also offered parish retreats.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be released as they become available.

Reverend Michael McDonnell, O.F.M., 78, a Franciscan priest of the Holy Name Province, passed away in the Lord on Friday, November 3, 2017, following a lengthy illness. He was born in Dublin, Ireland and was ordained to the priesthood on March 13, 1965. He was transferred to St. Anthony Friary in August 2017, residing here for a mere three months prior to his death. Due to his failing health, he was unable to provide ministry during his time in our diocese.

A Funeral Mass is being held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 207 W. 96th Street, New York City, where Father McDonnell served as Parochial Vicar from 2007 to 2017.

Please keep the family and community members of Fathers McDonnell and Young in your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

“Well done, good and faithful servant! Come, share your master’s joy.” – Matthew 25:23