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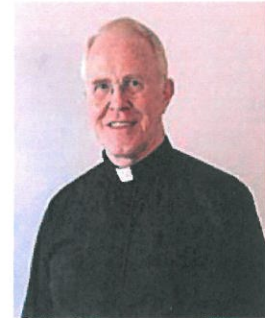
MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors and Priests in the Diocese of St. Petersburg

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

RE: Reverend John P. Lynch, M.Afr.
April 18, 1936 – September 22, 2017

DATE: September 25, 2017



Today, we received word of the death of **Reverend John Patrick Lynch, M.Afr., 81**, a retired priest of the Missionaries of Africa (also known as the “White Fathers”), on Friday, September 22, 2017, at Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, after a tragic pedestrian accident, resulting in a brain hemorrhage.

Father Lynch was born and raised in Scotland. He was ordained for the Missionaries of Africa on June 30, 1962. During his 55 years of active priestly ministry, he served in many capacities, including two long terms as Executive Director of Development for the order.

In late 2016, he moved to the Missionaries of Africa residence in St. Petersburg, where he lived in retirement, assisting in nearby parishes as needed.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of the Missionaries of Africa Residence, 5757 7th Avenue N., St. Petersburg. The house will be open at 10:00 a.m. to welcome guests. Burial will take place at Calvary Catholic Cemetery on Friday, September 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Please keep Father Lynch’s surviving family members and confreres in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!