



## DIocese OF ST. PETERSBURG

Office of the Chancellor

### MEMORANDUM

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

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

RE: Reverend Roderic Petrie, OFM  
February 11, 1929 – October 24, 2017

DATE: October 26, 2017



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Today, we learned of the death of **Reverend Roderic Petrie, O.F.M., 88**, a retired priest of the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Name Province, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at the Holy Name Friary, in Ringwood, New Jersey.

Father Petrie was received into the Franciscan Order in 1952 and was ordained to the priesthood on August 19, 1956. Following his ordination, he taught Spanish to high school students in Buffalo, New York and later provided ministry to Spanish-speaking Catholics in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

In 1989, Father Petrie moved to Belleair Bluffs, where he worked for his Province's newly-formed Ministry of the Word, evangelizing through television and radio programming and offering retreats and parish missions. During this time, several parishes of the Diocese of St. Petersburg have enjoyed his parish missions.

After moving to Hialeah for a brief period, Father Petrie moved to St. Anthony Friary, St. Petersburg in 2005, where he continued his Ministry of the Word. During this time, he also provided assistance to parishes in the St. Petersburg area until his retirement in 2016, when he returned to New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Butler, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Butler, New Jersey, will follow.

Please keep Father Petrie'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!*