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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests and Parishes in the Diocese, Spirit FM,
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FROM: Deacon Rick Wells, J.C.L., Chancellor *RW*

RE: Monsignor Edward J. Mulligan
August 2, 1931 – August 3, 2018

DATE: August 7, 2018



Monsignor Edward J. Mulligan, 87, a retired priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg and founding pastor of Transfiguration Parish, St. Petersburg and St. Brendan Parish, Clearwater Beach, passed away in the Lord at Suncoast Hospice Center, Pinellas Park, on Friday evening, August 3, 2018, one day after his 87th birthday.

“Eddy” Mulligan was born to Patrick and Mary (Donohoe) Mulligan, in Arva, County Cavan, Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 17, 1956 for the Diocese of St. Augustine at All Hallows’ College, Dublin, Ireland. In September of the same year, he would begin his ministry in Florida as a teacher at Bishop Curley High School, Miami. He was incardinated into the newly established Diocese of St. Petersburg on June 17, 1968.

Throughout his 62 years of priestly ministry, Monsignor Mulligan witnessed the erection and growth of parishes throughout the dioceses of St. Augustine and St. Petersburg. In addition to his teaching experience, he served as Administrator of St. Mary of the Lakes Parish, Eustis (1958-1959); Parochial Vicar (Assistant Pastor) of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine (1959-1960); founding Pastor of Transfiguration Parish, St. Petersburg (1960-1969) and founding Pastor of St. Brendan Parish, Clearwater Beach, where he served from 1979 until his retirement on November 3, 1999. He also undertook various diocesan responsibilities, including Director of Catholic Cemeteries from 1968 to 1975.

Among the highlights of his ministry was the opportunity to concelebrate a private Mass with Pope (now-Saint) John Paul II, Bishop W. Thomas Larkin and other priests while in Rome in 1987. Two years earlier, at the request of Bishop Larkin, the Holy Father named Monsignor Mulligan a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He was formally invested on October 25, 1985 in New Orleans.

Monsignor Mulligan was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Kathleen Masterson and brother, Paddy Mulligan. He is survived by his sister, Maura Keavney and her husband, Mel, along with numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, in-laws and cousins, both in the U.S. and Ireland.

All funeral services will be held at **St. Brendan Catholic Church, 245 Dory Passage, Clearwater** and will be as follows:

Reception of the Body: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Visitation: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass: Friday, August 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Burial to follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 5233 118th Avenue N., Clearwater

Please keep Monsignor Mulligan's family members and loved ones in your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy. – Matthew 25:21