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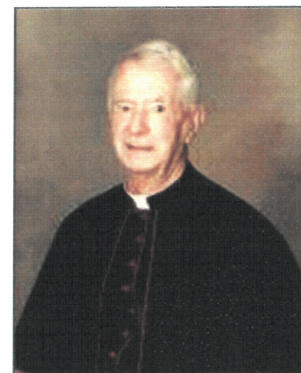
MEMORANDUM
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FROM: Deacon Rick Wells, J.C.L., Chancellor *RW*

RE: **Rev. Msgr. James Bernard Caverly**
Pastor Emeritus, St. Raphael Parish
August 22, 1934 – June 26, 2019



Word has reached the Chancellor's Office that Rev. Msgr. James Bernard Caverly, age 84, passed away in the Lord on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Bon Secours Maria Manor, St. Petersburg.

Born in Cork City, Ireland, heard the call to the priesthood while attending high school. He followed a family tradition. From his mother's side there were nine Father Davises. His older brother, P.J. Caverly, was then in the seminary. Monsignor Caverly was ordained at St. Patrick College, Carlow, Ireland, in June 1965. He was sent to serve the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida.

His first assignment in the Diocese of St. Petersburg was as Assistant Pastor of St. Paul Parish, St. Petersburg, in April 1968. This was followed by appointments at St. Jerome, Indian Rocks Beach, Good Shepherd (now Mary Help of Christians), Tampa, Holy Cross, St. Petersburg, the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg and St. Raphael, St. Petersburg. He served as Rector of the Cathedral for 20 years and as Pastor of St. Raphael for 14 years. He also served as a teacher, Secretary to Archbishop Hurley, Defender of the Bond, Vicar Forane, and on other boards within the diocese. He was granted the title of Monsignor in February 1989 and granted retirement status in July 2010.

Monsignor Caverly was predeceased by his parents, James and Agnes (Hegarty) and brothers, Msgr. P.J. Caverly, Andrew (Shirley) and sister, Etna. He is survived by his brother, Vincent; Nieces and nephews: Kevin, Karen, Kim Caverly Molinaro (Mark), James (Sara) and Daniel (Lidza); Great nieces and nephews: Michael Molinaro, Kyle Caverly, Samantha, Daniel, Christopher, Eva and Ava.

All funeral services will be held on **Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at St. Raphael Catholic Church**, 1376 Snell Isle Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Visitation: From 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mass: 12:00 PM at the church

Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch, Bishop Emeritus, will be the Main Celebrant and Homilist.

Priests and deacons wishing to vest should bring alb and white stole. A reception will follow at the social hall.

Burial will take place at a later date in Ireland.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jim Caverly and family c/o Chancellor's Office, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0200.

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