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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 Joseph P. Duggan

March 28, 1930 – November 12, 2017

DATE: November 20, 2017

We recently learned of the passing of **Reverend Joseph P. Duggan**, 87, a priest of the Diocese of Venice on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Prior to the establishment of the Venice Diocese, Father Duggan was a priest of the Dioceses of St. Augustine and St. Petersburg, serving as parochial vicar of Nativity Parish, Brandon, as well as parishes in Jacksonville, Tampa and Venice. In 1970, he was appointed as founding pastor of San Pedro Parish, North Port, where he served for 22 years until his retirement in 1992.

Father Duggan was ordained on June 14, 1964 in Cork, Ireland, having devoted more than 53 years of his life to the priesthood. He will be remembered as a spiritual leader and friend who cared deeply for all parishioners and communities he served. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Hannah (Noonan) Duggan and his twelve brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

All services will be held at San Pedro Catholic Church, 14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port, Florida.

Visitation: Monday, November 20, 2017, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass: Monday, November 20, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

Please keep Father Duggan's loved ones 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!