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MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2016

TO:

Priests and Parishes in the Diocese, Spirit FM, Calvary Catholic Cemetery,

Bethany Center, Pastoral Center Staff

FROM:

Joan Morgan, Chancellor

RE:

Death of Rev. Thomas E. Tobin, retired

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Word has reached the Chancellor's Office that Father Tom Tobin, age 68, passed away Wednesday evening, March 16, 2016 from complications of Amyloid heart disease. Predeceased by his loving wife, Charlene, who died in 1996, and his sister, Rita Yankowski, 2004, he is survived by his daughters, Sarabeth Gall, (Brett) of Massachusetts, and Andrea Brown, (Brian), of South Carolina; six grandchildren; sisters Marie Sprague and Theresa Kisielis, (Anthony) of Ocala; and brother, Wally, (Sheila) of Seminole.

Father Tobin's family moved to St. Petersburg, Florida when he was fourteen. He attended Bishop Barry High School (class of 1965). In 1969 he entered St. Gregory's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, and remained until 1971. A graduate of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, he was ordained by Bishop Robert Lynch in 2005. Father Tobin served at the Cathedral of St. Jude and Sacred Heart in Pinellas Park. He retired in 2013 and continued his ministry where needed, assisting most recently at Transfiguration Parish in St. Petersburg and faithfully at Pinellas Hope in Clearwater.

Services will take place at Sacred Heart Parish, Pinellas Park, as follows:

Visitation:

Sunday, March 20, 2016, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening prayer begins at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass:

Monday, March 21, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Lynch will preside. Priests and deacons are invited to concelebrate.

Burial will follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in the section for priests.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Sacred Heart Parish, 7809 46th Way North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations could be made to: Dynamic Catholic, a national Catholic evangelist organization, 5081 Olympic Blvd., Erlanger, KY 41018, or the Amyloidosis Support Group, 1232 Orchard Dr., Wood Dale, IL 60191.

"The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus". ~ Pope Francis.

This he knew; this he lived and shared in as many ways as he could.