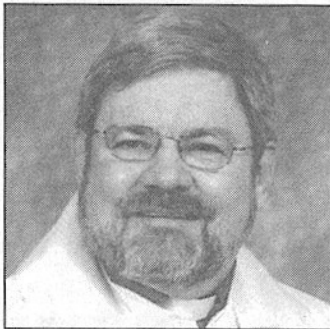


OBITUARIES

Edwards-Komarc

Edwards-Komarc, Father Paul, 52, Pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Weston, FL, passed away peacefully from a brain tumor with his family by his side. Father Paul is survived by his parents Geraldine and Jim Davis, and Frank and Diane Edwards, his sisters Audrey Kramer and Claudia Edwards, his aunts Audrey Calabrette and Alma Heal, his nieces Angela Loeffler and Alex Smith, his nephews Paul Loeffler, Max Ralston and Chris and Kevin Mojena. The following relatives preceded Father Paul in death, his brother James Edwards, his sister Theresa Mojena and his Grandparents Anna and Paul Rosine and Betty Edwards. Father Paul E. Edwards, the first of five children, was born at Scott Air Force Base outside of Belleville, IL on Friday, March 5, 1954. Father Paul was baptized on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1954 in the Base Chapel. After his father's duty ended, the family moved back to Youngstown, OH. There, Father Paul made his First Communion and Confirmation in St. Nicholas Parish. In 1965 his family moved to Hialeah, FL. Father Paul graduated from high school and junior college at Saint John Vianney Minor Seminary in 1972 and 1974 respectively. He continued his priestly formation at Saint Vincent de Paul Major Seminary graduating with a B.A. in philosophy, cum laude, in 1976. He then moved on to Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. While there, he earned a M.A. in Eastern Christian Studies from the John XXIII Institute in New York. Father was ordained to the diaconate on Sunday May 6, 1979. Father Paul taught religion at John Carroll High School in Fort Pierce and served as deacon at Sacred Heart Parish in Homestead and Saint Coleman Parish in Pompano Beach. Father Paul was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1983 by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Miami. Father's assignments have been parochial vicar at Saint Michael Parish in Miami, Sacred Heart in Homestead and Saint John Neumann in Kendall. Father Paul then served as chaplain, teacher and wrestling coach at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami and Supervising Principal of Saint Brendan High School in Miami. Father held assignments as parochial vicar at Saint Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches and pastor of Saint Jerome Parish in Fort Lauderdale. Father also served as Chaplain for the Miami Dade Police Department. On March 20, 2001 Father Paul was asked by Archbishop Favalora to found a parish in the city of Weston. Saint Katharine Drexel Parish was canonically erected on July 1, 2001 with Father Paul E. Edwards assigned as its administrator. Father Paul gathered parishioners for the first Sunday Masses at Indian Trace Elementary School on September 16, 2001, just five days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. On October 7, 2002, coinciding with the 44th anniversary of the canonical erection of the Archdiocese of Miami, Father Paul was canonically installed as the Founding Pastor of the parish by Msgr. Noel Fogarty, the local dean. Part of Father Paul's heritage is from Slovakia, where he spent the last eleven summers visiting with family and often bringing young men to the United States to further their education. Visitation is on Tuesday, April 25 from 2:00 pm at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, 2700 Glades Circle in Weston, FL, with Vigil Service at 7:00 pm. On Wednesday, April 26 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary there is Morning Prayer at 9:30 am followed by a viewing until the 11:00 am Mass begins. In lieu of flowers Father Paul has requested donations be made to the "St. Katharine Drexel Building Fund". For directions to St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Weston, please call 954-389-5003. For directions to St. Mary's Cathedral in Miami please call 305-759-4531.