



Msgr. Charles Koch

September 4, 1937 - February 12, 2011

Monsignor Charles J. Koch, a priest of the Evansville diocese, passed away at his home in Greenwood, Ind. February 12, 2011.

Msgr. Charles Koch was “a very gentle, kind, caring, very pastoral man,” said Providence Sister Nancy Reynolds. She worked in the tribunal during the 1970s and 1980s. Msgr. Koch devoted his entire priestly life to ministry in the tribunal, while also celebrating Mass and the sacraments as part of parish life. He was always “very respectful and compassionate with people as he went through the process of [marriage] annulment with them,” said Ursuline Sister Lynn Jarrell, who also worked in the tribunal during the 1980s.

Msgr. Koch was born Sept. 4, 1937. After completion of theology studies at St. Meinrad and in Innsbruck, Austria, he was ordained a priest March 30, 1963. After receiving his licentiate in canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., he returned to Evansville to serve as a notary in the diocesan tribunal.

Over the years, Msgr. Koch resided at parishes in the area, including St. Theresa, Nativity, Good Shepherd, St. Mary, St. Boniface and Christ the King, all in Evansville, and at St. Matthew Church in Mount Vernon.

Early in his ministry he was named assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Evansville and Secretary of the Tribunal. He continued to take on additional responsibilities in the tribunal, and was named Judicial Vicar by Bishop Francis R. Shea in 1973.

He was named a Domestic Prelate, with the title, Rev. Msgr., in 1980.

Msgr. Koch moved into Villa Maria, a retirement home for priests of the diocese, in 2001, then resigned as Judicial Vicar in 2002. He continued to serve in the tribunal until full retirement in September 2004

Surviving are Four Sisters: Sister Carlita Koch and Sister Rosa Lee Koch both of Ferdinand, Ind. Martha and her husband Wayne Render of Greenwood, Ind. And Karen Waller of Evansville. Also nieces and nephews, Kathy and Chris Seybert, Julie and Scott Morgan, Carla and Zack Wilson, Chris and Lisa Render, Matt and Jill Render and eleven great nieces and great nephews.

Visitation will be held at Pierre Funeral Home in Evansville on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 8 p.m., with a prayer vigil at 6 p.m. CST.

Visitation will also be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a procession to Sacred Heart Church in Evansville.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m. CST. with Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger and the priests of the diocese presiding.

The family requests memorial contributions to the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation (hospice) 5255 E. Stop 11 Road, ste. 245, Unit 2, Box 2P, Indianapolis, IN 46237 or the Sisters of St. Benedict 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand, IN 47532

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

FEB **16**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2701 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Msgr. Charles Koch*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Msgr. Charles Koch*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM