POLICY 6.4   Death of a Member of the Clergy

On the notice of the death of a bishop, priest or deacon of the Archdiocese, the Vicar- General will undertake to share the notice with all members of the clergy presently ministering in the Archdiocese and all retired incardinated clerics.

In the spirit of fraternity, we shall honour the members of our clergy, meaning clerics who are ministering in the Archdiocese at the time of death, all incardinated clerics, whether in the Archdiocese or outside, active and retired, and emeritus archbishops, at the time of their death in the following ways:

- Every priest and deacon ministering in the Archdiocese will make a sincere effort to attend the funeral Mass of a bishop, priest or deacon of the Archdiocese.

- While respecting the wishes of the deceased bishop, priest or deacon concerning the place of the funeral Mass and burial, if these do not happen in McLennan, there will be a memorial Mass at the cathedral at the first opportunity which the clergy of the Archdiocese will make every effort to attend.

- Upon the direction of the archbishop, each priest, at his first opportunity, will celebrate a Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased bishop, priest or deacon who has ministered in the Archdiocese, making every effort to celebrate this Mass with the people of his parish(es).

Further to this,

- At the Chrism Mass each year, there will be a special intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the members of the clergy and Religious women who have ministered in the Archdiocese, who have died since the previous Chrism Mass. Members of clergy include those incardinated to the Archdiocese, those incardinated to another diocese, and members of a Religious congregation who ministered at some time in their lives in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan.

- On November 11th of each year, the feast day of the Archdiocese's patron St. Martin of Tours, each priest in the Archdiocese will say a Mass for all the deceased members of the clergy who have ministered in the Archdiocese.