



July 30, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

It is with profound sadness, yet with steadfast hope in the Resurrection, that I share with you the news of the passing of our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Monsignor Michael D. McGraw.

Monsignor McGraw entered eternal rest peacefully a few minutes after midnight today, surrounded in prayer and love. He received the Sacrament of the Anointing from Bishop Gerald Barbarito, who prayed at his side, joined by clergy, his family and faithful members of his cherished St. Joan of Arc parish family.

Throughout his many years of priestly service in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Msgr. McGraw gave of himself generously and humbly for the people of God. His ministry extended to Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Catholic Charities, the Priestly Life & Ministry Committee, the Presbyteral Council and as Dean of the Southern Deanery. Here at St. Joan of Arc Church, he left an extraordinary mark of faith, leadership, and love.

His vision for our parish was always rooted in the Gospel and in a deep love for God's people. Under his faithful guidance, we witnessed the birth of numerous ministry accomplishments that continue to bear fruit today. Among these are the vision and building of our beloved Mercy Center, the school kitchen and cafeteria, the launch of the International Festival to welcome and celebrate the beauty of our diverse community, the development of our gated athletic field, the establishment of the Family Faith and Fun Day, and numerous improvements to both our school and parish grounds.

Each of these stands as a living testament to Monsignor McGraw's commitment to creating spaces where faith, fellowship, and service could flourish. His legacy is not only in the structures we see, but in the hearts he touched, the lives he uplifted, and in our community, united in Christ.

We give thanks to God for the gift of his life, his priesthood, and his firm dedication to the mission of the Church. His memory will forever live on in all who loved him, admired him, and were enriched by his witness to the love of Christ.

**We invite you to join us as we commend his soul to our Heavenly Father. Monsignor McGraw's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 7 at 1:00pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. A reception will follow in Mercy Center.**

Let us pray together for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family and all who mourn his passing. May he rest in the eternal peace of Christ, whom he served so faithfully.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Nestor Rodriguez".

Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez, V.F.  
Pastor, St. Joan of Arc Parish



