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Msgr. Frank Korba

(December 01, 2023)

Very Reverend Monsignor Frank Korba, age 86, passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023. He was the son of the late Nikolaj and Julia Sheptak Korba, and was born November 2, 1937, in Hammond, Indiana. He is preceded in death by his sisters Mary Korba, Anne (William) Johnston, Marge (Paul) Malovich, Helen (George) Sudicky and brothers Michael (Peggy) Korba, Nicholas (May) Korba, William Korba and Nicholas, Jr. Korba.



He is survived by his nieces and nephews: Phillip (Hilary Bell) Johnston, Susan (Michael) Shanahan, Peter Johnston, Thomas (Adriana) Johnston, Kelly Johnston, Mark (Patty) Sudicky, Gregory (Jennifer) Sudicky, Nicole (Kevin) Eagan, Mary Sudicky, Julia Sweeney, Christine (Anthony) Ferrini; nephew-in-law James Sweeney; and many great nieces and nephews.

Upon completion of his elementary and secondary education at Edison School and Hammond High School, he attended Indiana University. In September 1958, he began studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy while a seminarian at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius. After his ordination to the priesthood on March 25, 1966, he received his first assignment as Assistant Pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Allen Park, Michigan. In September 1967, he was appointed Assistant Pastor of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, Pennsylvania. He served there until February 1969, when appointed the Administrator of St. Michael's Hungarian Church in Toledo, Ohio. The church was renovated during his tenure.

In February 1972, he became pastor of St. Mary's Church in Marblehead, Ohio. During his pastorate at St. Mary's a new church was built at a relocated site and a new rectory was purchased. In June 1979 he began his assignment as Protopresbyter of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Parma, Ohio. A complete re-building of the Cathedral was done during his tenure in Parma.

In December of 1983 he was named Prelate of Honor and elevated to Reverend Monsignor

In August 1987 Monsignor Korba was assigned to St. Nicholas Church in Munster, Indiana the last parish he was assigned to fulfill his priestly duties. He retired almost 27 years later in April of 2014.

In addition to the parochial assignments over the years, Monsignor also served the Eparchy in various capacities to include the following appointments:

- *Advocate, Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal
- *Parma Diocesan Board of Consulters
- *Defender of the Bond, Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal
- *Vicar General of Diocese of Parma for 10 day absence of Bishop and current Vicar General
- *Solemn Investiture as a Prelate of Honor
- *Dean of the Cleveland West Deanery
- *Economos (Treasurer) Diocese of Parma
- *Promoter of Justice in Diocesan Tribunal
- *Diocesan Building Commission
- *Priestly Life Commission
- *Commission on Architecture and Sacred Art
- *Diocesan Emmaus Core Committee
- *Youth Ministry Board
- *Chaplain of Byzantine Women's Club Parma, Ohio
- *Chaplain of Byzantine Socialites Parma, Ohio
- *Chaplain of Parma Byzantine Diocesan Choir
- *Co-Founder of the Apostolate of St. Nicholas
- *Priests Pension Board, Chairman
- *Protopresbyter, (Dean) of Midwest Deanery
- *Member of Eparchy of Parma Presbyteral Council 2005

Visitation will be held directly at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 8103 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN, on Sunday and Monday, December 10-11, 2023 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with priestly Parastas part 1 sung at 7 PM on Sunday and priestly Parastas part 2 sung at 7 PM on Monday. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Most Reverend Robert M. Pipta, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, Fr. Steven Koplinka, Pastor of St. Nicholas, and Mitred Archpriest Dennis Hrubiak as Homilist. Monsignor will lie-in-state from 9:00 AM until time of service. Burial to follow at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Hammond, IN. Solan Pruzin Funeral Home entrusted with services.

Monsignor Korba impressively served God and the Church with great impact, touching the lives of many faithful followers. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle and friend to many. He was very proud of his Carpatho-Rusyn heritage. His parents came from the village of Habura, Zemplin County, then in Austria, Hungary. Not being a natural father, he always felt his five nephews and six nieces (and their children) were his. There was a very close and loving relationship with each of them. He enjoyed gardening and was a world traveler. He toured the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe extensively. He had a large collection of interesting treasures, but the greatest treasure in his life were his family and friends. He was a joy to be around with a wonderful sense of humor and love for life. He will be missed. In lieu of flowers donations to Albertine Home in Hammond, IN or Carmelite Home in East Chicago, IN would be sincerely appreciated. Vicnaja Pamjat - Eternal Memory!