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RETIRED BISHOP CARL K. MOEDDEL DEAD AT 71

Most Rev. Carl K. Moeddel, retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, died this morning after a long illness. He was 71 years old.

“Bishop Moeddel was a man of deep dedication and many talents,” said Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk, Archbishop of Cincinnati. “He served in a vast number of leadership positions over the years in the Archdiocese and he served well.

“During the last few years he was afflicted with poor health, an affliction which he bore with Christian patience.

“He loved the Lord. He loved the Church. He loved the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

“His life and ministry were a great gift to all of us for which we offer our thanks to the Lord. We pray for the repose of his soul.”

Ordained a bishop on August 24, 1993, Bishop Moeddel served as vicar general, director of the Department of Pastoral Services and director of the Office of Priests’ Personnel as well as auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Pilarczyk before retiring in June 2007 because of ill health.

He was born in Cincinnati on December 28, 1937. After receiving Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from the Athenaeum of Ohio / Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood by then-Archbishop Karl J. Alter.

In the 1960s and 1970s he held a number of positions of responsibility within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, including executive secretary of the Archdiocesan Commission on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, director of Continuing Education of Priests, assistant chancellor, assistant treasurer, assistant pastor of St. Louis Church in Cincinnati and vicar for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

Bishop Moeddel was appointed pastor of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains in August 1976. Retaining that position, he also became dean of the Cathedral Deanery in September 1976, director of finance for the Archdiocese in May 1978, and vicar for finance and chairman of the Finance Council of the Archdiocese in November 1983.

He became pastor of St. James of the Valley Parish in Wyoming, Ohio, in August 1985, remaining vicar of finance and chairman of the Finance Council for another year.

In addition, over the years he served as chairman of the board of trustees of St. Margaret Hall, chairman of the governing board of St. Rita School for the Deaf, president of the Ohio Council of Churches, and president of the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC).

Reception of the body will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, August 28, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Visitation will be on Saturday, August 29, at the Cathedral from 9 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial begins at 11 a.m. Archbishop Pilarczyk will preside at the funeral. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 26th largest Catholic diocese in the country, with almost 500,000 Catholics, and has the eighth largest network of Catholic schools in terms of enrollment. The 19-county territory includes 218 parishes and 113 Catholic primary and secondary schools.