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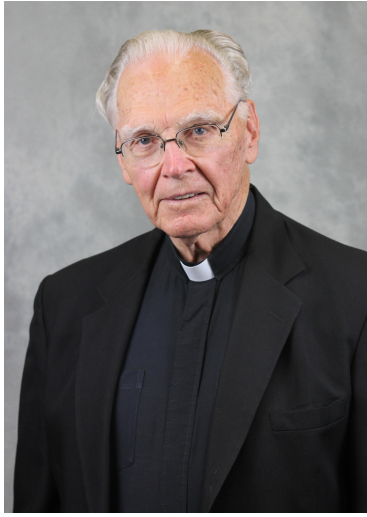
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May 23, 2022

Death of Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D. D.



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D.D. who died on May 21, 2022. Bishop Wcela was 91 years of age.

The arrangements are as follows:

Wake:	Thursday May 26, 2022 Church of St. John the Evangelist 546 St. John's Place Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mass of Transferral: (Vigil Mass)	Thursday, May 26, 2022 Church of St. John the Evangelist 546 St. John's Place Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	7:30 p.m.
Funeral Mass:	Friday, May 27, 2022 Church of St. John Nepomucene 1140 Locust Avenue Bohemia, N.Y. 11716	11 a.m.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D. D. died on May 21, 2022. Born in Bohemia N.Y. on May 1, 1931. Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on June 2, 1956. Ordained auxiliary bishop on December 13, 1988. Served as vicar for the Eastern Vicariate of the diocese until his retirement on April 3, 2007. After serving as associate pastor of the Parish of Maria Regina, Seaford, he was appointed in 1959 to the faculty of St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary where he taught Latin. Bishop Wcela earned M.A. degrees in Classical Studies from Fordham University and Semitic Studies from The Catholic University of America and licentiates in theology from The Catholic University of America and Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 1965, he was assigned to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. From 1973-1979 he served as rector. He served as director of the program for continuing education of priests from 1969 - 1975. He was the author of six books in a Bible study series and of numerous articles and book reviews. From 1979 - 1987, he served as Pastor of the Parish of St. Joseph, Garden City. Named an honorary prelate (Monsignor) by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1980. In 1988, he was named founding pastor of Resurrection Church, Farmingville. Served United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in many capacities. Brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barbara Wcela, live in Florida. His mother, Albina Kovarik Wcela, passed away in 1996, and his father, Emil died in 1970.

Wake Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 546 St. John's Place, Riverhead, N.Y. Mass of Transferral Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Church of St. John the Evangelist. Funeral Mass Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11 a.m., Church of St. John Nepomucene, 1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, N.Y. 11716.