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## Memorandum

To: All Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful of the Archdiocese  
From: Most Reverend William J. Justice  
Date: September 14, 2012  
RE: DECEASED: Reverend Eugene J. Konkel, S.S.

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After a short illness, Father Gene Konkel died today at his home at Saint Patrick's Seminary & University. He was 81 years of age. Gene was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Elizabeth [Paczocha] and John Konkel, and grew up there with his sister Eleanor "Dolly," and his brother, Richard, who have both preceded him in death. Ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1957, he held graduate degrees from Catholic University and from Marquette, and was admitted into the Society of Saint Sulpice in 1959. Father Gene taught at seminaries in Baltimore, Louisville, Kentucky, Honolulu, and until its closing following the Loma Prieta earthquake, Saint Joseph's College in Mountain View. Gene was best known, however, for his ministry for more than 35 years as spiritual director at Saint Patrick's Seminary & University, and for his connection to the Vatican II Institute in Menlo Park, where he served as its Director from July 1, 1976 until June 30, 2002.

The following arrangements have been made by his family and friends:

Vigil: Sunday, September 23, 2012  
Saint Patrick's Seminary & University  
320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park  
7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass: Monday, September 24, 2012  
Saint Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park  
10:00 a.m.

Please join Archbishop George Niederauer, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop Jerome Listeck, Cardinal William Levada, Archbishop John Quinn, Father Thomas Ulshafer, S.S., Bishop John Wester, Bishop Bob McElroy, Bishop Ignatius Wang, Father Jim McKearney, S.S., Sister Noreen O'Connor, CSJ, Father Jerry Brown, S.S., and me in praying for Father Gene and his nephews and nieces, including Fr. Tom Demse (also a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee), Bonita, Christopher, Susan, Roberta and Natalie. I use the occasion of this note to send the Archbishop's deep appreciation to the seminarians of Saint Patrick's Seminary for their devoted attention to Father Gene in recent days. Your letters of condolence may be sent as follows:

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Pastor, Saint Gregory the Great Church  
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