



Diocese  
of  
Cleveland

Cathedral Square

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OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Priests and Deacons,

*The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon  
Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland*

Bishop Emeritus Richard Lennon, 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Cleveland, died Tuesday, 29 October 2019, after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments.


Richard Gerard Lennon, a native of Arlington, Massachusetts, was born on 26 March 1947. He was ordained to the priesthood on 19 May 1973 for service in the Archdiocese of Boston. He served as parochial vicar at Saint Mary of the Nativity Parish, Scituate, Massachusetts from June 1973 until June 1982. From June 1982 until June 1988, he served as parochial vicar at Saint Mary Parish, West Quincy, Massachusetts. Bishop Lennon served as Assistant for Canonical Affairs for the Archdiocese of Boston from July 1988 until December 1998. In January 1999, Bishop Lennon was named Rector of Saint John Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts. On 14 September 2001, he was ordained to the episcopate to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and Titular Bishop of Sufes. He served as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Boston from 13 December 2002 to 30 July 2003. From August 2003 until April 2006, he served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Boston. On 4 April 2006, he was appointed Bishop of Cleveland, and was installed on 15 May 2006. On 28 December 2016, he retired as Bishop of Cleveland.

He was member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston, a member of the Canon Law Society of America, and a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

The wake will begin with Vespers on Monday, 4 November 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, 1007 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the presider and homilist. The wake will continue until 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at 8:30 a.m. the body will lie in state in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Church until 10:45 a.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Nelson Perez will be the main celebrant and Bishop Christopher Coyne will be the homilist. Interment will be in the Resurrection Chapel in the same cathedral church.

In accord with the provisions of the Marian Pact, please try to attend and concelebrate the Funeral Liturgy, offer Mass for him as you are able and cause him to be remembered and prayed for in the appropriate public prayers of the Church. May Bishop Lennon and all our bishops, priests and deacons who have died, live forever in the joy of the Resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Reverend Donald P. Oleksiak  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia