

to which he dedicated his selfless life, the beloved most Reverend Roman Catholic Bishop Robert W. Donnelly was laid to rest. This “priest of priests,” gentle soul, humble leader, and compassionate shepherd passed from this life on July 21, 2014. With loving gratitude, our entire community extends its deepest appreciation for his life and deepest sympathy to his family and friends at his passing.

Bishop Donnelly’s religious life spanned 57 years, and he served as parish priest for seven congregations and taught in two Catholic high schools. Everywhere, he was of the people and revered.

What a priest, what a bishop, what a shepherd was he—a gentle and holy man and a powerful religious leader. The thousands upon thousands of homilies and religious messages he shared were not bombastic but wise. He touched thousands upon thousands of people across generations with baptisms, graduations, communions, marriages, funerals, and confirmations. Bishop Donnelly was a man of peace. He was hardworking and always present when it mattered.

With his extraordinary brother priest, Father Martin Donnelly, with whom he retired, their service cannot be measured in years but, rather, in devotion to imbuing real meaning to the faith to which they devoted their lives.

May God grant him eternal rest as the joy of his spirit is released to eternity.

MOST REV. ROBERT W. “BISHOP BOB”
DONNELLY

Most Reverend Robert William Donnelly passed on to eternal life on July 21, 2014, surrounded by his family after a short illness. Born in Toledo March 22, 1931, to Agnes (Quinn) and Leonard Donnelly, he was a son of West Toledo’s Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, living close by and attending elementary school there—the tallest kid in the 8th grade. As a teen he worked summers as a day camp supervisor at Close Park. During his high school years in the Class of 1949 at Central Catholic he played football and CYO basketball and baseball, and was an avid CCHS tennis player; he captained the tennis team there. Later, at Quinn Family reunions he was the pitcher for the annual softball games. He enthusiastically donned costumes for family reunions and the Blessed Sacrament Halloween Parades. And he had golf in his blood, avidly playing the game.

Bishop Bob earned a Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy at St. Meinrad College Seminary. Ordained a priest May 25, 1957, he loved his years in pastoral ministry at Sandusky St. Mary, Landeck St. John, Spencerville St. Patrick, Rossford Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Toledo St. Clement, Toledo St. Charles, and Fostoria St. Wendelin; and teaching at Delphos St. John and Oregon Cardinal Stritch high schools. In every assignment, his heart was always with the people.

He earned a Master’s degree in Theology at Saint John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota and attended graduate school programs at Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio; Xavier University, Cincinnati; and the University of Toledo. He was ordained Bishop on May 3, 1984. As Toledo Auxiliary Bishop he was appointed to several diocesan positions, serving as Vicar General for 20 years and diocesan administrator fol-

lowing the death of Bishop James Hoffman; he was chairman of the diocesan Ecumenical Commission, a Pro-Synodal consultant, a director of RENEW, and a member of the diocesan board of consultants. He also served on the National Council of Catholic Bishops’ committees for Pastoral Practices, Evangelization, and African America Catholics as well as local boards of St. Vincent’s Hospital, United Way, and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE). He retired in May 2006.

Brother priests have known him as “a priest of priests.” He is remembered as a truly gentle man, a warm and loyal friend, a wonderful mentor, respectful, humble, a people person. His friends and family say that he was always open and would give his full attention to whatever they had to say, putting them at ease; he could always find something good in everyone. When he presided at Mass, people knew it wasn’t “his” Mass; it was a prayer of, and for, and by, everyone. He gathered often with life-long friends for cards and camaraderie, loved to vacation with family, and cherished friendships with brother priests. He enjoyed cooking and was good at it, taking special care with holiday dinners of crown roast, apple dumplings, and caesar salad. He later shared and traded secret recipes with his beloved cousin, cook, housekeeper, and friend Dorothy “Buck” Taylor.

With subtle wit and care, Bishop Bob loved his family and friends and took delight in children. His many cousins, nieces, and nephews affectionately call him “Uncle Father Bishop Bob.” He had a seemingly endless line of advice seekers who he couldn’t be more excited and willing to tend to. His Irish heritage inspired him to take a group of the younger generation of family members to Ireland to meet their blood kin. When asked a question, his responses were well-thought-out, detailed, and explained.

Bishop Bob was predeceased by his parents, brother Quinn Donnelly, sister Mary Hendricks, and cousins Fr. Tom Quinn and Betty Mears. He is survived by his brother, Fr. Marty Donnelly, his brother-in-law Pat Hendricks, nieces and nephews Ann (Tim) Doran, Larry (Sharon) Hendricks, Jim (Julie) Hendricks, Mike (Kaye) Hendricks, Kay (Bill) Byrne, and David (Betsy) Hendricks; 24 great nieces and nephews; and 12 great-great nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit Monday, July 28, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, where a Vigil Service will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Rosary will be prayed Tuesday, July 29, at 10 a.m., with visitation until 11:45 a.m. The Funeral Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at noon Tuesday, followed by burial at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements by Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home (419-269-1111) The family would appreciate that any memorial donations be sent to St. Martin de Porres, 1119 W. Bancroft Street, Toledo, OH 43606. Online condolences: blanchardstrabler.com.

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SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

(Mr. ROKITA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my support for one of our closest allies, Israel, as they combat a surge of violence against their sovereign country from the terrorist group Hamas.

The history of the Jewish people is one of faith, honor, and most importantly, survival. This situation is no different.

Hamas claims that Israel has no right to exist and uses tactics that are beneath the dignity of the human race as they carry out these attacks.

Israel has proven time and time again it is a willing and a waiting partner in the struggle for peace in the region. It continues to endure and defend against attack after attack, however, quite often without retaliation. Yet, faced with the pure evil that Hamas represents, no one should find fault in Israel’s measured response and efforts to ensure these attacks are halted and halted for good.

We must continue to show our unwavering support for our friend and ally, Israel.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-142)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2014.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah, which include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 29, 2014.

ISRAEL’S RIGHT TO PROTECT ITSELF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Utah