

## **REVEREND RICHARD T. SITAR**

Reverend Richard Thomas Sitar entered eternal life on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the age of 86. Father Sitar was born January 31, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan to Rudolph and Stella (Gaska) Sitar. He attended St. Boniface Grade School and St. Leo High School in Detroit. He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross as a Brother in June, 1945. He received a B.A. and M.A. in European history from the University of Notre Dame. In 1975 he became a seminarian for the Diocese of Gaylord and received his M.Div. from St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth.

Father Sitar was ordained on October 28, 1979 by the Most Reverend Edmund C. Szoka at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. He was assigned after his ordination as Associate Pastor for St. Casimir Parish in Posen and St. Dominic Parish in Metz, and in 1980 for St. Francis in Traverse City. In 1981 he began serving as Associate Pastor at St. Mary Parish in Alpena. He became Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Onekama and St. Raphael Parish in Copemish in 1986. On August 3, 1989 he was appointed as Pastor for St. Ignatius Parish in Rogers City and served there until he retired on June 30, 1992.

Visitation will be held at Beck Funeral Home, 229 N. First Street in Rogers City on Monday, February 25 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and the Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Tuesday, February 26 at St. Casimir Parish, 10075 M-65 in Posen at 1:00 p.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 2:00 p.m., celebrated by the Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda.

Memorials may be offered to Hospice of Michigan or St. Ignatius Catholic School in Rogers City.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.