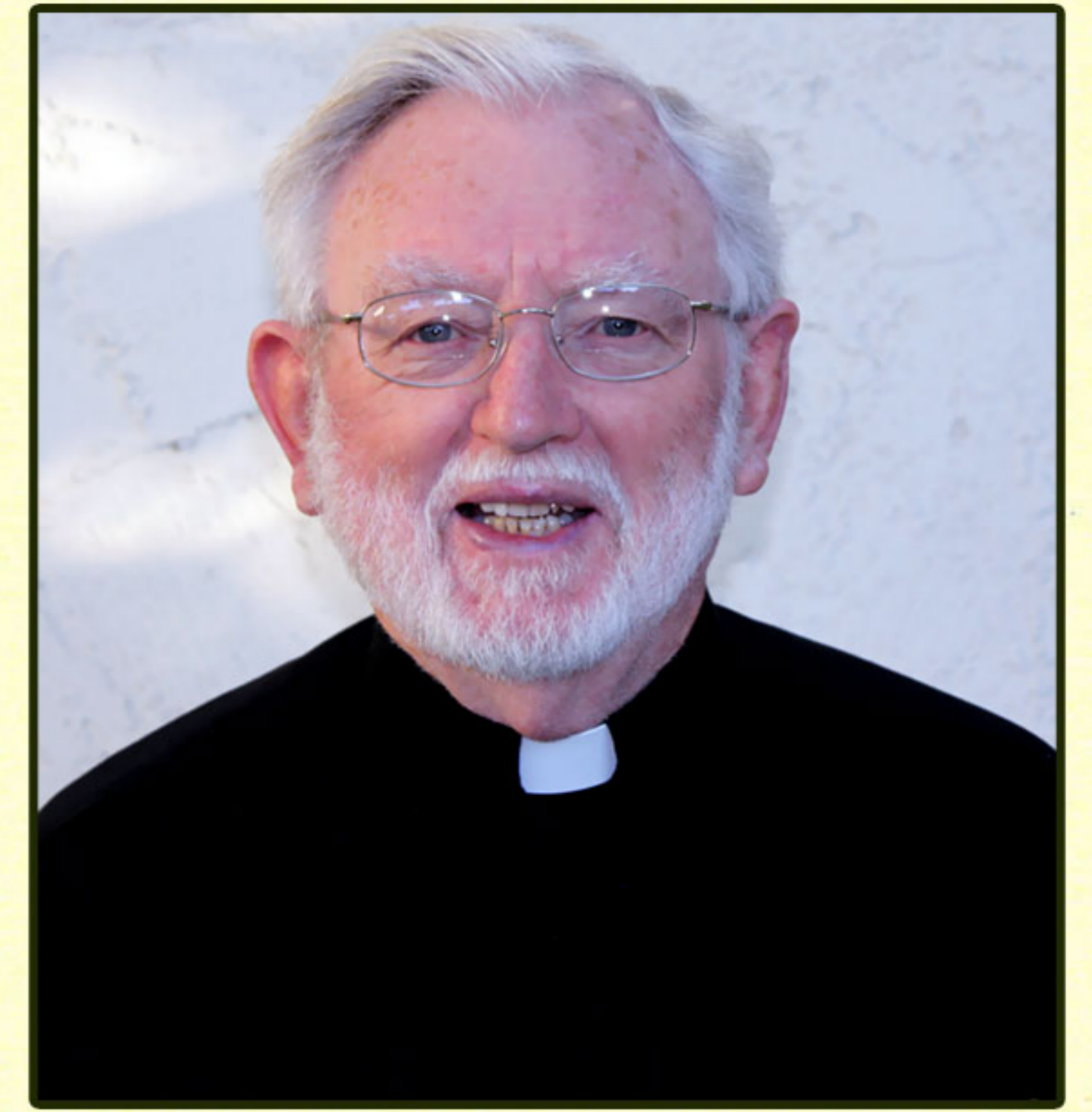


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Congratulations!

There is a Christian understanding, based on experience, that when we give a gift or do a good deed in Jesus' name, we receive abundant gifts from God in return. (We hear from those who bring Communion to the sick how they receive more blessings than they give.)

More than 30 years ago, under the prompting of Msgr. Otto Sporrer, families from St. Nicholas welcomed Vietnamese refugee families into their midst, opened their homes to them, cared for them and helped to get them established in a new and strange land. A real gift of Christ's love was offered. We are still grateful to those host families.

Today we reflect on how that outreach has blessed us in return. You inspire us by your faith, prayer, love of the Eucharist, dedication to Christ and to the Church, vibrant celebrations, constant teaching of the faith and by your joyful music and dancing. We are truly enriched and blessed by your presence and contributions to the Church.

You also enrich our country by your values and high standards in education, work and family unity. You provide leadership and model ways of living for us. You have achieved much and kept faithful to your roots.

Thank You. May you continue to be a gracious, gentle and prayerful gift in our presence. You are indeed an integral, important part of our community of St. Nicholas and of our Diocese. May you continue to grow in love, in faith, in prayer and in the joy of the Lord.

It is our turn to be grateful to you, to thank you, to congratulate you for your 30 years of service here and to bless you for the coming years.

Your Pastor,

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