

“THE STARGAYCERS UPON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER. THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES AND DID HIM HOMAGE.”

This Sunday, Epiphany we celebrate the revealing to us of the new born child sent by God the Father to save all nations. The first to hear of this revelation were stargazers of the east. How great was their joy seeing the child with Mary his mother. They did him homage.

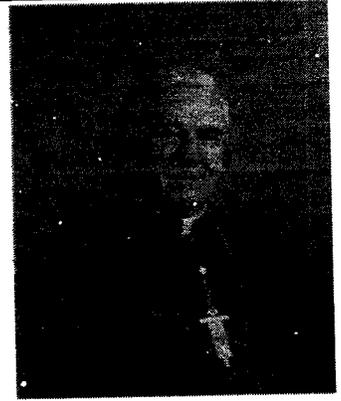
Last Sunday Sister Antoinette and I gave thanks to you with great joy upon receiving your monetary gift to us. We love you dearly. And this Sunday we take the opportunity to reveal to you about the future of our little parish.

Father Dave Ricard and Father Richard Narcisco have been and will continue to officiate at one of the Masses as often as they can. The stipend of \$100 per Mass we give them is the one mandated by the diocese. I, for many years have been officiating at three Masses every week end and have never received a stipend. But I have received from you room and board from the parish, which is no small amount. My reason for mentioning this to you is that in the future the stipend every week end for three priests officiating at these Masses will be \$300. But room and board they will not need to receive. I envision the officiating priests at our parish to be retired priests living in their own homes or a priest full time in a parish but also willing to help out at Saint Kateri. These priests just like myself will also receive a full salary either as retired priest or as director of a diocesan agency like the Apostolate for the Handicapped from which I myself received full salary for most of my years here at the parish.

Sister Antoinette receives her salary from her work with the handicapped persons living with us. At one time four persons were living with us but now only Betty. Sister has accepted to receive a reduced salary from the state.

My reason for mentioning all this to you at this time, Revealing Sunday, that is Epiphany Sunday is to let you know, what most of you already know, is that our small parish has functioned and function well all these years with all our bills paid and more than \$100 in our saving account because of the kind of people at Saint Kateri. The kind of people in our parish are those who have been ‘called to serve’ in our parish and responded to the call. I don’t like to use the ‘volunteer’ since to volunteer is all dependent upon person and not upon the call.

I began writing to you about myself and Sister Antoinette about our not receiving a salary for what we do in the parish. What I need to write to you about, and write boldly, is that many, if not most parishioners, have received the call and have responded to work for the parish at no compensation to them, no monetary compensation but assuredly spiritual compensation. I would like to mention names of people here but there are too many for me to do that. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha parish is unique and blessed by God.



PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Bishop Emeritus Robert E. Mulvee, D.D., J.C.D., 88, died Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Antoine Residence, North Smithfield, following a brief illness.

“Bishop Mulvee was a good and gentle shepherd of God’s people. He was a faithful follower of Christ who served the Church with dignity and compassion. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul, and for the consolation of all those who mourn his loss,” Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, the eighth bishop of Providence appointed by St. Pope John Paul II in 2005 to succeed him, said in a statement.

Bishop Mulvee served as a shepherd in the Diocese of Providence for 10 years, beginning in 1995, when he was named by the Vatican to serve as coadjutor to then-Bishop Louis E. Gelineau.

After serving alongside Bishop Gelineau for two years, in 1997 he became the seventh Bishop of Providence. His episcopal motto, “As One Who Serves,” epitomized his lifelong commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ and his church.

CCD CLASSES

Next Sunday at 8:15

NEXT WEEK: 01/13

BAKING:

Sat. Catherine O’Connell
Rose Pichette

Sun. Lucie Rafferty, Sue Kocab

FAMILY INTENTIONS:

Cox, Cardillo – Corey, Gudoyan

COLLECTION

Sunday and New Year \$1,778.00

Thank you.