



Deacon Joe Cirieco

June 21, 1930 - March 1, 2018

Deacon Joe Cirieco, after a life well-lived, went to God on the First Friday of March, the second, a fitting day for a man devoted to his God, his Church, and the Blessed Mother. Deacon Joe had two loves in his life: his God and his family. He was married for 53 years to Tecla, before she made her own journey to God in 2013.

Before beginning the most important chapter of his life, Joe served as Captain in the US Army in Korea. Well educated at both Georgetown University and Fordham University, Joe had doctorates in Foreign Language and in History. He taught at Riverview High School from 1969 to 2003, and from 2004 to 2013, taught at Sarasota Military Academy.

Deacon Joe was a member of the first group of Deacons ordained for the Diocese of Venice in 1987. He shared his talents with the people at Incarnation Church by teaching in the Religious Education Program. As a Deacon, he taught classes in Baptism and in Scripture. He assisted the priests in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, visited the sick, gave comfort to those in need. He was a welcome presence at all parish functions.

Deacon Joe leaves behind his son Philip, son Edward, daughter-in-law Kim and granddaughter Jennifer. There are also countless members of the parish who are forever grateful for the blessings he brought to their lives by his teaching and by his presence. Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 24th at Incarnation Catholic Church, 2901 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota,

FL 34239.