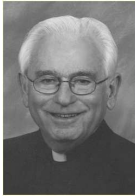


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Robert Wayne Wilson 1932 - 2008 Robert "Bob" Wayne Wilson, a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Fort Worth for 51 years, died on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2008.

Funeral: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in St. Patrick Cathedral, con-celebrated by The Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth and by other bishops and priests who are able to attend the funeral. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation: 3 until 5 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of Aledo High School, 1000 Bailey Ranch Road, where a vigil service will begin at 4 p.m.

Memorials: Gifts in his memory may be given to The Rev. Robert W. Wilson Seminary Fund, 800 W. Loop 820 S., Fort Worth, Texas 76108.

Father Wilson was born Oct. 23, 1932, in San Antonio. He was raised in Fort Worth and attended St. Mary's Catholic School where he was formed by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur. He graduated from Laneri High School in 1950 which was staffed by members of the Benedictine religious community who he credited with influencing his vocation to the priesthood. He was prepared for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in San Antonio, graduating in theology and earned his M.S. in psychology in 1964 from St. John's University and a Ph.D. in educational psychology in 1974 from New York University, both in New York, N.Y.

Father Wilson was ordained by Bishop Gorman at St. Patrick Cathedral and served in various assignments following in chronological order from the date of his ordination on May 25, 1957. These were: assistant pastor, St. Monica Parish, Dallas; Sacred Heart Parish, Wichita Falls; Dean of Students, University of Dallas; Diocesan Director of Vocations; pastor, St. Rita, Ranger, St. John, Strawn, St. Francis, Eastland, and Holy Rosary, Cisco; pastor, St. John the Apostle Parish, Fort Worth; Diocesan Director of Pastoral Planning; pastor, St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport and St. Mary's, Jacksboro; Diocesan Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia; Sacramental Minister and Canonical Pastor, Good Shepherd, Colleyville. At the time of his death, he was serving as the pastor of Holy Redeemer in Aledo.

Well-known for his generous spirit, the ability to always view the glass as half full, and numerous leadership characteristics, Father Wilson had a passion for a variety of interests. He brought Centering Prayer to the Diocese, was personally involved in practicing this ancient form of prayer for more than 20 years, and was active in leadership roles on the Centering Prayer Board. He was heavily involved in the development of the diocesan response to Mission Outreach Mission Council. He traveled frequently to Honduras and developed many great personal relationships with his brothers and sisters there. Other interests included snow skiing, scuba diving, classical music, opera and travel. In 2006, Father Wilson took up golf after a 30-year hiatus, enrolled in a series of lessons, and began playing on his weekly day off.

Father Wilson was preceded in death by his parents, F.A. and Willie Fae Guthrie Wilson; his sister, Maralynne Wilson Pilson; and his step brother, Harold Ward. He especially valued his role as surrogate parent to Dana and Corey since the time of his sister's death almost 20 years ago. Survivors: His nephew, Corey Pilson; nieces, Dana Pilson Childs and her husband, James, Shelia Rogers, and Shawn Rite; great-niece, Megan Pilson; great-nephews, Logan and Ryder Childs.