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*"Let us never forget to call upon the Holy Name of Jesus in time of trial, temptation, sickness, and death."
- Bishop Clarence Kelly*

FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

On the evening of December 2, 2023, our beloved founder, the Most Reverend Clarence J. Kelly, passed away peacefully at Immaculate Heart Seminary in Round Top, NY. Bishop Kelly was holding his crucifix and was surrounded by members of the Congregation of St. Pius V and the Daughters of Mary, as well as family members. That day, the members of the two congregations he founded were able to visit with him. As the Sisters thanked him for founding the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, the Bishop deferred any praise, saying, "Praised be to Jesus Christ," and these were the last words I heard him say.

His Life

Clarence James Kelly was born on November 23, 1941, in Brooklyn, NY. When he was 17, he joined the United States Air Force. After serving for four years, he entered the Franciscans. He graduated, *magna cum laude*, from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., in 1969 with a degree in philosophy. After meeting Archbishop Lefebvre, who was training seminarians to hold fast to the traditional Latin Mass and the true Catholic Faith, he entered the seminary in Ecône, Switzerland, and was ordained by the Archbishop on April 14, 1973, for the Society of St. Pius X.

