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***To all Priests in the Diocese***

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Dear Father,

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Father Gerald Muir died on Tuesday 22 September in Lancaster. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Father Muir was born on 25 May 1929, in West Kilbride, Scotland. He was educated at St Joseph's College, Dumfries for both his primary and secondary education. He then studied for the Priesthood at Ushaw College.

He was ordained to the Priesthood on 17 July 1954 at Ardrossan. Following Ordination, he was appointed as Assistant Priest to St Bede, Carlisle from 1954 to 1959, St Ignatius, Preston 1959 to 1964 and St Anthony of Padua, Preston 1964 to 1966. Father Gerry then served on the missions in Zambia from 1966 to 1973, returning to the Diocese and serving as Parish Priest of St John Southworth, Cleveleys, from 1973 to 1977, St Gregory the Great, Preston from 1977 to 1990 and finally at St John the Evangelist, Poulton-le-Fylde until his retirement to St Winefride's, Bispham in 2010.

The Deanery Mass for Father Muir will be celebrated at St John the Evangelist, Poulton-le-Fylde on Wednesday 30 September at 7pm.

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great, Preston on Thursday 1 October at 11.30am - followed by internment in the cemetery at St John's Poulton afterwards.

Priests who wish to concelebrate at these liturgies are more than welcome but are requested to bring with them an alb and purple stole or they may attend in choir.

My deepest condolences go to Father Muir's family members, former parishioners and indeed all who have lost a dear friend and brother priest. I also wish to pay tribute to all who cared for Father Gerry in his latter years – in particular the Sisters and nursing staff at Nazareth House, in Lancaster.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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