

West Virginia Catholic Community Takes Msgr. Sadie to His Final Rest

By Colleen Rowan

The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston was filled with faithful from the community and across West Virginia who came to say goodbye to Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L., the beloved, long-serving former rector of the basilica co-cathedral. His Feb. 16 Mass of Christian Burial that morning was celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan with 34 of monsignor's brother priests concelebrating. Deacons, religious, seminarians, and so many others from the Catholic community and other faiths attended the Mass.

Msgr. Sadie passed away Feb. 11 at the age of 93. He was a priest for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for more than 66 years. Thirty-six of those years he spent as rector of the basilica co-cathedral. He remained in that role until his retirement from active ministry in 2016.

Very Rev. Casey Mahone, V.F., who early in his priesthood served as associate rector with Msgr. Sadie at Sacred Heart, offered the homily. Father Mahone began by extending condolences to monsignor's family. "Thank you for sharing him with us," Father Mahone said to them. He then offered condolences to the parish, the community, and all who loved him.

Father Mahone remembered Msgr. Sadie as so much more than his accomplishments and titles, noting that there are many. He recalled monsignor's sense of humor, that he was fun to be around, and that he was trustworthy.

"He was all I could aspire to be," an emotional Father Mahone shared.

When Father Sadie was named a monsignor, Father Mahone said he was asked to come to Charleston and say a few words at a reception in his honor. "I still remember my closing words, as true today as they were back then:



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Bishop Mark Brennan celebrates the Mass of Christian Burial for Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L., at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston Feb. 16.

Msgr. Sadie ... nobody is more deserving of that title than you, and I shall try to remember to call you monsignor. But one thing in my life is certain—I have never been prouder to call any man father."

At a vigil service for monsignor the night before, Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, V.F., rector of the basilica co-cathedral, was the presider. Msgr. Paul Hudock, who also previously served as as-

sociate rector at the basilica co-cathedral with Msgr. Sadie, was the homilist for the vigil.

Throughout that day and into the next mourners came to pay their respects at the basilica to the man so many love so much and will surely never forget. Msgr. Sadie was buried with his parents at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Catholic in Recovery Program for Those Suffering from Addiction to be Held Weekly in Parkersburg

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PARKERSBURG — The first Catholic in Recovery (CiR) program is set to be held at St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall in Parkersburg at 7 p.m. April 15 and is open to anyone suffering from any kind of addiction and wants help. Meetings will be held weekly at this time and location.

The program will be led by John Bogdan, a parishioner of St. Michael Parish in Vienna. He along with fellow parishioners from St. Michael's and from St. Margaret Mary's and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg helped spearhead the effort to bring this program to Parkersburg.

Catholic in Recovery (CiR) is a community of individuals and families seeking recovery from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments; it is open to all, Bogdan said.

"In CiR I've found support and a home for my healing from un-

healthy habits and feelings of abandonment rooted in childhood bullying and abuse. I am accepted for who I am and can be open about my faith in Jesus and His Catholic Church," he said. "As a result of CiR, I am finding peacefulness and am able to be more open and willing to share with my wife and family."

CiR is a recovery program grounded in the faith and is a lifeline to those suffering from addictions of all kinds and unhealthy attachments. These include alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety, the organization's website states.

Kathleen Barton, director of Social Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, said CiR is a step program that addresses recovery from a Catholic and sacramental

perspective.

"The effect that addiction has had on our families, neighborhoods, and state is undeniable," Barton said. "The consequences have been devastating for far too many. Pope Francis calls us to be, 'An island of mercy in the midst of indifference.' CiR is just that. It opens the doors of our parishes to those who are suffer-

ing while offering support, hope, and guidance to a renewed life with and for Christ."

For more information about the meeting in Parkersburg, e-mail Bogdan at CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.

To learn more about the program, visit CatholicInRecovery.com.

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