

Archdiocese of San Antonio Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller



Short intervention for Fr. Eddie's Funeral June 4, 2016

My dear brother priests, my dear friends in Christ, we are here mourning the loss of a beloved priest. It is heart-breaking to come and say goodbye to someone we loved and cared for, but especially for someone who gave so much of himself to the people of God. Fr. Eddie definitely lived his life with passion and care for God's people.

He was a man of conviction and principles, a man who was not satisfied with "good enough." He was a priest who worked hard for justice and for compassion. He was a priest who sought to show the love of God to all he met in this world. It is heart-breaking to come and say goodbye. But we trust in the same Lord in which Fr. Eddie put his trust, we trust in our loving God. We entrust Fr. Eddie to the God of Mercy.

In his ministry, Fr. Eddie taught about God's mercy, compassion, and love, and this where we can find our peace today in our mourning. That same mercy, compassion, and love of God is welcoming Fr. Eddie

now. We join our prayers for him together and trust in the Lord of Mercy.

To all of you in Fr. Eddie's family, I say thank you for giving us this wonderful man who served God's people so tirelessly. Our prayers are with you, too.

To my brother priests, I ask you to stay united in prayer for Fr. Eddie and for each other. May we be united in our brotherhood as priests, and walk together in the face of this loss. We will miss our brother priest, but we will remember him well.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe be with us. We always ask Our Lady to pray for us now and at the hour of our death, so we know her prayers are with us all, especially with our dear departed Fr. Eddie.

May God bless you all and keep us in solidarity with one another.