

My dear friends,

I am writing with the news none of us wanted to hear. Wayne passed from life to Life late this morning. Canon Bill Spaid called me with the news early this afternoon, after he received a call from Bishop Brian Seage in Mississippi, saying that Wayne died very shortly after they disconnected life-support. The Bishop will have a funeral for Wayne in Gulfport (time and place undetermined yet). At a later time (again, not yet determined, but whenever Harry can travel) we will have a funeral here at St. John's, and Wayne's ashes will rest in the columbarium here.

Wayne was priest and brother, friend and confidant, advisor and fun-lover. **Let us gather to prayer together on WEDNESDAY EVENING at 7 PM at St. John's** - using the prayer of the Church to comfort us. Canon Bill Spaid will be there to pray with us, bringing the presence of the whole diocese with him, and he will join us for a time of shared conversation afterward in the Parish House.

I am certain that Wayne is wrapping us all in his long arms even as I write this. Keep Harry, Nikki, and one another in your prayer these days.

Praying us all grace,
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