

Feb. 21, 2021

Dear parishioners,

As I mentioned last weekend, we mourn the loss of Deacon Modesto Rosello who passed away last week at the age of 93. He faithfully served the Church and our parish family, primarily at Saint Leo the Great, for decades. Deacon Mo was ordained a permanent deacon in 1977 and was among the first classes in the Archdiocese of Hartford following the restoration of the permanent diaconate after the Second Vatican Council. Deacon Mo was dedicated to sharing the message of the Gospel and serving the community. He was a man of strong faith and conviction.

I learned much from Deacon Mo and always appreciated his support and pastoral collaboration. I know that he did a lot for the parish over the years, and so many parishioners have benefitted from his ministry. We pray for Deacon Mo, for the repose of his soul, and for the consolation of his family and friends. We also offer our sincere condolences to his wife Mary Angela (Angie) and their children and relatives. Together with Deacon Chuck and Deacon Carl, I give thanks to God for Deacon Mo's long life, fruitful ministry, and enduring friendship. May he rest in the saving presence of our Lord Jesus.

I also wish to again acknowledge all the prayers, condolences and kind notes and gestures offered to me after the passing of my dear grandmother Clara. She was a caring and faithful person, and I miss her in so many ways. We have our profound belief in the Resurrection that gives us all hope as we mourn the passing of our loved ones. May God's grace and peace be with everyone, living and deceased.

May this holy season of Lent be a time of quiet contemplation of the mystery of God's love and mercy in our lives. Thank you again for your ongoing prayers and support of the parish. It is so appreciated. This includes participation in our charitable outreach projects, and also through the offertory and Online Giving.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna

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