



DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT

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Dear Pastors and Administrators:

This year marks the nineteenth anniversary of the Annual White Mass in the Diocese of Bridgeport. It will be celebrated on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, 21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, Connecticut. Breakfast will follow immediately at the Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Street, Darien, Connecticut.

This is the fourth year that we will be honoring five individuals, one from each Vicariate, with the Father Rufin Compassionate Care Award. Father Rufin, who died in 2008, was the Chaplain at Norwalk Hospital. I ask that you please submit your nomination of an individual you feel is worthy of this award directly to us using the following link: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1156133-iN4s84QnVI>. The honoree should be a Pro-Life Catholic physician, nurse, dentist, healthcare worker or healthcare volunteer in Fairfield County who exemplifies the kind of compassionate and loving care for the sick for which Father Rufin was known. The link above will walk you through the nomination process, which should be submitted by February 17, 2012.

I also ask for your assistance as we organize our efforts to invite all healthcare professionals from your parish. Please include the White Mass information in your parish bulletin. This information is located on the Bridge and is posted on the diocesan website: www.bridgeportdiocese.com. Should you have any questions about the White Mass or the breakfast, please contact Jean Talamelli at 203-416-1358 or by email at jtalamelli@diobpt.org.

I thank you for your assistance with this important event. Please be assured of my gratitude and my prayers for you and for your parishioners.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Bishop of Bridgeport