

Diocesan Necrology

2022

Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them!

The Right Rev'd Edwin Leidel, Jr.; *Bishop Provisional, Diocese of Eau Claire;* Bp. Leidel was elected to serve as Bishop Provisional to oversee conversations between Eau Claire and Fond du Lac concerning the potential junctioning of the two historic dioceses. Following a vote against the juncture, Bp. Leidel led the diocese through a season of introspection and visioning that led to the election of a part time bishop and the stabilization of Eau Claire's financial and missional structures.

Mrs. Edith Louise Koporetz; *St. Margaret's, Park Falls; Our Saviour's, Lugerville;* Edie diligently served four parishes in Price County for most of her life. A Delegate to many Diocesan Conventions, Edie's voice was an important part of the life and ministry of the Diocese of Eau Claire for several decades.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Gaynor; *St. Paul's, Hudson; Sts. Thomas and John, New Richmond;* Barbara holds the distinction of having been active in at least four parishes in the Diocese of Eau Claire, having spent time at St. Luke's, St. Alban's, St. Paul's, and Sts. Thomas and John. She was particularly active in Hudson, having served on several groups, most noticeably with the ECW and Altar Guild. Barbara also served the Diocese as a Deputy to General Convention.

The Rev'd Canon Sampson Rogers; *Diocese of Eau Claire;* Fr. Rogers served as a youth counselor for many years directing the spiritual formation of the youth in the Diocese of Fond du Lac. After serving for some time at St. Andrew's, Ashland, Fr. Rogers finally retired to Grace Church Menomonie, where he supported the ministry of the parish and help the transition between Priests-in-Charge following the retirement of a long tenure there. He was very active in the Cathedral's mid-week services, and our former Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd William Wantland's late wife Jan credited Fr. Rogers for her connection to the Church built on his steady and compassionate approach to the Faith.

Mr. C. T. (Mike) Bundy; *Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire;* Mike Bundy and his family played an enormous role in the life and ministry of the Diocese of Eau Claire. It was Mike and his family that donated a considerable amount of land West of Menomonie that would become the home of Bundy Hall, the location of Camp Horstick and numerous diocesan youth and adult formation activities and retreats. Mike's personal role in diocesan life stretched from his loyal service to Christ Church Cathedral to years of membership as a Governor of the Buffington Trust. Mike's love for the Cathedral and Diocese will bear fruit in the Church for many years to come.