



Our Lady of Grace Church

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Dear Friends of Father Cutrone,

The Jubilee Committee and I extend a most cordial welcome to everyone who has gathered today to honor Father Cutrone. We have come to celebrate our respect for the priesthood of Jesus Christ and our love for a very special priest.

The Church has traditionally observed fiftieth anniversaries as a milestone of fidelity. According to Mother Teresa of Calcutta holiness is measured not so much in success as in faithfulness. Father Cutrone has managed both. He has been faithful to his vision of priesthood for the past fifty years (1955-2005). His success in ministering in the name of Christ is evident in the great number of people from his parishes who have insisted on being a part of these festivities.

We at our Lady of Grace look with pride and gratitude at all the ministries and societies, fostered by Father Cutrone, that now make up the fabric of our parish. Above all, we treasure his smiling presence at all the activities, and the "family tradition" he has worked so hard to create among us for eighteen years as our pastor and four years as pastor emeritus.

The priests who have lived with Father Cutrone have appreciated a hearty sense of fraternity, a welcoming rectory, and great food and fellowship at the table.

We all thank God for the gift of Father Cutrone in our lives, and we ask the Lord to grant him many more years of happiness in a fruitful priestly ministry.

In the Good Shepherd,

Rev. Thomas F. Leach,
Pastor