

„*Dominus Deus magnus est*“

With faith and hope in life eternal we pronounce
that God the giver of life and death
has called his faithful servant to eternal blessedness.

Mons. Jiří PAĎOUR, OFM Cap. **Bishop Emeritus of Budweis**

Born on the 4th April 1943 in the town of Vraclav, Jiří Paďour accepted his priestly ordination on the 21st June 1975. In 1978, he secretly entered the Capuchin order making his perpetual vows in 1983. From 1991 until his nomination as auxillary bishop in the archdiocese of Prague in 1996, bishop Jiří was Provincialate of the Capuchin order of the Czech-Moravian province.

On the 11th January 1997 he was ordained at St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague. In 2001, he was named bishop coadjutor in the diocese of Budweis and on the 25th September 2002 he became the twelfth diocesan bishop of Budweis.

In view of his health, Bishop Jiří offered his resignation to the Holy Father which was accepted on the 1st March 2014. For the remainder of his life he resided at the bishopric residence in Budweis and on the 11th December 2015 after having received the holy sacraments he passed away at the hospice of St. John N. Neumann.

A final farewell for our former bishop will take place during a requiem mass at 10:00 a.m. on saturday 19th December 2015 at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Budweis. After holy mass and Rite of Committal his remains will be transfered to the St. Odilia municipal cemetery and placed into the tomb of Bishops.

Mons. Vlastimil Kročil
Diocesan bishop of Budweis

Cathedral chapter, priests and deacons of the diocese of Budweis
Capuchin brothers

Jan Paďour and Marya Padour
nephew Matthew and niece Barbara
all remaining relatives

Bus transfer from the cathedral to the cemetery and back will be available.