



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

1150 Buffalo Road
Rochester, New York 14624
(585) 328-3210

MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Rochester
From: The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester + *Salvatore R. Matano*
Date: January 18, 2023
Re: Request for prayers for Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark

I regret to inform you that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Rochester, recently has experienced declining health and his current health condition is now quite serious.

I visited Bishop Clark this afternoon in his room at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse, where he lives and receives the necessary nursing care. I ask the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to unite in prayer for Bishop Clark. May the Eternal High Priest, Our Savior Jesus Christ, be close to Bishop Clark during these difficult days and may Mary, the Queen of the Clergy, intercede for Bishop Clark before her Son.

**Almighty and merciful God,
who through the fact of death itself
have mercifully unlocked for the human race the gate to eternal life,
look kindly on your servant, Bishop Matthew H. Clark,
in his final struggle, so that,
united to your Son's Passion and sealed with His Blood,
he may come without blemish into your presence.
Though Christ our Lord.**