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EPISCOPUS LUCEORIENSIS

Dear brothers and sisters!

It is with regret that we received the news of the death of Father Paul Wicker, a great friend of our Church and the people of Ukraine. When I first met him in November 1994 at the Parish of the Holy Apostles in Colorado Springs, he asked me how the parish could help us, I invited him to visit us in Ukraine. And he did it, although it took great determination and courage. Since that time, a huge warm friendship was born, in the circle of which more and more people were involved and from which CONU was born, the founder and director of which was Father Paul. Over the years, our relationship has borne enormous fruits that are difficult even to list. To everyone affected by this loss, I express my heartfelt sympathy, to family and parishioners, friends and employees of Father Paul. I thank God from the bottom of my heart for his priesthood, example and service on behalf of everyone who knows and remembers him in Ukraine. We entrust his soul in prayer to the mercy of God and hope that the Most Holy Virgin on the day of whose Visitation he died, will introduce him into the Kingdom of Her Son.

With wishes of God's blessing

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From Bishop Leon and (auxiliary) Bishop Radoslaw, Diocese of Kamianets-Podilskyi

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(about Father Paul)

Wonderful man. May God be glorified in his life and testimony, let God be glorified in his death, in his youthfulness up to the last moment, we trust that his youthfulness, enthusiasm and love have reached its fullness.

We thank God for Father Paul!

with prayer

bishop Radoslaw and bishop Leon

From Galya in Sumi, Ukraine ([REDACTED])

Eternal memory to Father Paul. Let the eternal light shine on him. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

I remember the light and joy that Father Paul brought to our cold and tattered temple on his first visit. ... the annual arrival of Fr. Paul always became a tremendous holiday for all parishioners. For me, the death of Paul's father is a personal tragedy. A large layer of my life. How will we live now without Paul's father ?!

[5/31, 21:20] (from Galya) I woke up with a heavy heart - no Father Paul. If I could speak English fluently, I would call Father Paul. But I was already warm from the fact that he is [exists]. He carried the light of Christ to Eastern Ukraine, which was in darkness for three quarters of a century. I spoke with Yura. I called our old parishioners. Everyone is grieving. Dear Kenneth! If you can, tell me about it in America. And if you succeed, bring Father Paul a couple of white roses from me. I think that St. Peter has already opened the doors of Paradise for him.

From Sister Kamila, one of three Polish nuns who run a Single Mothers' Home with 20 Mothers and 30 children near Kharkiv, Ukraine:

Dear K--!

We are very sorry for the death of Fr. Pola [Paul]. We saw him only once, but we remembered him perfectly and recalled him often. We are very grateful for His help and for remembering us. We are sure that he now rests with God and rejoices. Tomorrow I will tell the Children and Moms and we will pray for Him. We will also ask a priest to celebrate Holy Mass. Praise Jesus Christ!