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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN J. PAUL
BISHOP EMERITUS OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE**

It is my sad duty to inform you that The Most Reverend John J. Paul, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of La Crosse, died at 7:20 am at Franciscan Skemp Mayo Health System, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

For many of us, this is the passing of an era. A native son of the Diocese of La Crosse, a good priest, a true shepherd and friend of our entire community has gone on to the Lord. I personally will be forever grateful for his welcoming spirit and special blessing that he gave to me on the day of the announcement of appointment to the Diocese of La Crosse. Together, our prayers petition our Lord to receive this faithful servant.

Arrangements for the Vigil and Mass of Christian Burial for Bishop Paul will be announced as they become available.

In this time of mourning, we ask for your thoughts and your prayers for the Diocese of La Crosse and for the repose of the soul of Bishop John Paul.

May God receive his soul and grant him eternal rest.

+The Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki
Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse