



March 23, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with a great sadness that I write to inform you that the Lord has called home our beloved Archbishop Emeritus, Cardinal Keeler. He died at approximately 4:30 this morning at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville.

The Cardinal's health had been failing for some time and steadily declined over the past several days as he relied more and more on the loving and able care of the Little Sisters of the Poor, to whom I am so very grateful for their devotion to our Cardinal. I last saw His Eminence shortly before he died when I anointed him and said the Prayers for the Dying.

I have been fortunate to know Cardinal Keeler for many years and always had great respect for his service to the Church and for his personal kindness and gentle countenance. I was especially humbled at the time of my appointment as Archbishop of Baltimore to follow in the footsteps of such a respected and gifted leader as our Fourteenth Archbishop.

I invite you to remember the life and service of Cardinal Keeler by viewing the resources posted on the website, [www.cardinalwilliamkeeler.com](http://www.cardinalwilliamkeeler.com), which include a video, photo gallery, some of the Cardinal's writings, and other materials commemorating his service as Archbishop of Baltimore.. As well, there is a place to share their memories and prayers for the Cardinal. Funeral arrangements can also be found [here](#). I pray you will be able to attend as we celebrate the life and ministry of Cardinal Keeler

Evidence of Cardinal Keeler's long and devoted service to this Archdiocese and to people of all faiths in Maryland and throughout the world is ever apparent, and his faithful work will likely continue to bear fruit for many years to come. Please remember him in your prayers, as well as his sister, Julia, his niece, Julie, and so many others who were close to His Eminence. May he rest in the peace of Christ's loving presence now and forever.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ William E. Lori".

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

