

Deacon James Devlin

2008-2011

Deacon Devlin dies at 59

BY DENVER CATHOLIC REGISTER

Deacon James Devlin died Sept. 14 after an extensive battle with bone marrow cancer. He was 59.

Ordained on June 14, 2003, by then-Auxiliary Bishop José Gomez, he was subsequently assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Collins. In 2006 he was transferred to St. Joseph Parish in Fort Collins. Two years later, Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., asked Deacon Devlin to serve St. Theresa Church in Fredrick and St. Scholastica Church in Erie. He also worked for the Denver Archdiocese's Construction

Office and assisted parishes with building projects.

A Colorado native, Deacon Devlin was born Sept. 3, 1952, to Donald and Irene (Pikington) Devlin. He was baptized in Wray at St. Andrew the Apostle Church and grew up in Fort Collins. He worked as a plumber in the family business, Wray P & H, for 30 years before returning to college to receive a bachelor's degree in psychology from Colorado State University.

"Deacon Jim was a model deacon with an incredibly huge heart," said Deacon Joe Donohoe, director of deacon

personnel. "He loved God, his vocation and his family immensely. Regardless of his struggles, he always trusted in God and kept a positive attitude."

Deacon Devlin is survived by his wife Janet Poplaski, daughter

Kristie (Jason) Livermore; sons Nathaniel (Melissa) Devlin and Brandon Devlin; four grandchildren and seven siblings.

A vigil service and rosary were held the evening of Sept. 18 at St. Scholastica Church in Erie. A midmorning

Mass was celebrated by Bishop James Conley on Sept. 19 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge.



**DEACON JAMES
DEVLIN**

Ordained June 2003

Confessional is dedicated to him

Denver Catholic Register September 21st, 2011