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Title of the mailing *Death Notice for The Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Sipe

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On Friday, March 11, 2011
at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
occurred the death of
The Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Sipe
Honorary Assistant at St. Clement's Church

A Requiem High Mass will be celebrated at

St. Clement's Church

2013 Appletree Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2011

The Rev. W. Gordon Reid, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Sipe was born in 1949 in York, Pennsylvania. He was ordained to both the diaconate (in 1986) and the priesthood (in 1989) by the Right Reverend S. Stewart Payne, the Bishop of Western Newfoundland (his canonical residence). He has been licensed to officiate in the Diocese of Pennsylvania since 1997.

He earned his B.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (1971), B.S. in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg State University (1974), his M.Ed. in the Psychology of Reading from Temple University (1980), and his Ph.D. in Educational Theory and Practice Ohio State University (1996). Fr. Sipe's areas of expertise lay in children's and young adult literature, early childhood education and emergent literacy. He was an avid reader of children's and young adult books and dedicated his life to studying the ways children develop literary understanding as they talk about and respond to books. Since 2009 he was Professor and Division Chair of the Reading/Writing/Literacy Program Language and Literacy in Education Division of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

Fr. Sipe was witty and amiable, and always had a smile and a compliment ready for those he met. At Penn students often talked about his children's and young adult literature classes as being the "fun" classes offered at Penn's Graduate School of Education. He really understood children, valued their words and understanding, and the vital role books can play in their lives.

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