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**Burlington, Vermont:** The Most Reverend Kenneth A. Angell, the eighth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, age 86, died on October 4, 2016. He served as Bishop of Burlington from 1992 to 2005, a good-humored man of faith with a heart directed towards the dignity of all humanity.

Bishop Angell was a man who pledged cooperation and support within the ecumenical and inter-faith communities of Vermont as he sought to work with them to transform society to reflect the values they shared and proclaimed. He also exhibited a shepherd's heart in his care for all the people of Vermont regardless of their faith and lived out his episcopal motto to "serve the Lord with gladness." After the events of September 11, 2001, in which his brother and sister-in-law lost their lives, Bishop Angell exhibited exceptional leadership in calling for forgiveness and mercy, as well as peace and reconciliation among all people.

During his tenure as Bishop, he established a diocesan Bishop's Commission on Women to ascertain the needs and concerns of Vermont Catholics on issues related to women in the Church; the Office of Safe Environments to implement the Charter for the Protection of Children and to oversee programs to ensure safety for those involved with Church ministries; a House of Discernment for vocations to the priesthood; and Ministry Training program for those who were discerning a call to leadership ministries.

Bishop Angell was born on August 3, 1930 in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of the late Henry and Mae (Cooney) Angell. Bishop Angell attended public and private elementary schools in Providence, Rhode Island. He began his seminary studies at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Warwick, Rhode Island. For his theological studies, he attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. Bishop Angell was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence on May 26, 1956, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, Rhode Island.

Bishop Angell began his priestly ministry in 1956 at St. Mark Parish, Jamestown, Rhode Island, and Sacred Heart Parish, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. On August 13, 1974, he was appointed by Pope Paul VI as Titular Bishop of Settimunicia and Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, and was ordained to the episcopate by Bishop Louis E. Gelineau on October 7, 1974. He then served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence until October 6, 1992, when he was appointed by Pope St. John Paul II as the eighth Bishop of Burlington. He was installed as the eighth Bishop of Burlington on November 9, 1992.

"I join with the people of the Diocese of Burlington in offering my prayers that Bishop Kenneth Angell may know eternal happiness. May he rest in peace," said Bishop Christopher Coyne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 1:00 P.M., St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Allen Street, Burlington with Bishop Christopher J. Coyne as principal celebrant. Calling hours will be on Monday, October 10, 2016, from 3:00-7:00 P.M., and on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 P.M., at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Burial will take place in the Angell Family lot at St. Anne Cemetery in Cranston, Rhode Island at a later time.

For more information about the life of Bishop Angell please visit:

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