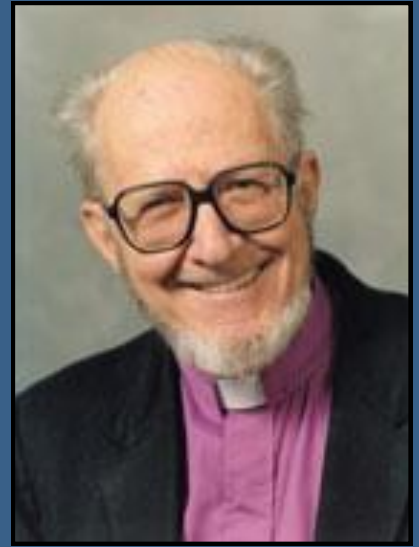




Left:
Bishop Karl Pruter in his Cathedral Church of the Prince of Peace in Highland, Missouri



Right: Official picture

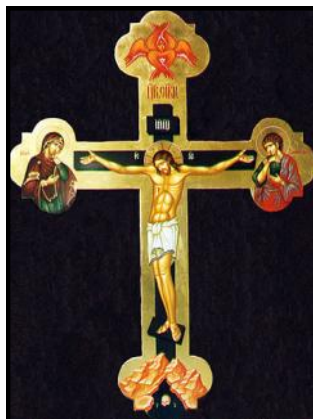
Dear friends:

On the following pages the news of the passing of Archbishop Karl Pruter, who was a true missionary Bishop of the Old Catholic Church in North America. He was dedicated to his calling and to advance the Old Catholic Church in North America.

For years he was in contact with our Church and corresponded with us, esp. with Bishop Gérard LaPlante.

Holy Mass was offered for the repose of his soul last week at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church.

May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.





From Bishop Brian E. Brown OSH

Dear Folks,

Bishop Karl Prüter went home to be with the Lord Sunday evening November 18, 2007 around 8 pm. His wife Teresa was with him and he was most assuredly surrounded by a great cloud of angels and saints. He fought the good fight and finished the race. Teresa was reading Psalm 23 and holding his hand and as she came to the end of the Psalm, he let go and flew to the arms of his Lord and Saviour. His death was peaceful and gentle, one we would all hope to be blessed with when our time comes. While he will be missed greatly, not one of us would rob him of a single second with his Lord Christ whom he loved so much. We give thanks for many things in his life but particularly we give thanks for his Christian witness and his dedication to the Old Catholic Movement.

+++Information on Bp. Karl Prüter's Memorial Service+++

We have set the date of Bp. Prüter's Memorial Service for Sunday December 16th 2007.

We will hold our regularly scheduled Sunday Mass Worship Service at the Cathedral of the Prince of Peace 405 Kentling Road in Highlandville Missouri at 11:00 am. Bp. Prüter's Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm also in Highlandville but since the Cathedral seats only about 16 people we will have the Memorial Service at another location, a banquet hall called Highland Place 117 Highlandville Road, and then Bp. Prüter's remains will be interred in the columbarium at the Cathedral itself.

Everyone is invited to attend both services but keep in mind that the Worship Service held at the Cathedral will be full to overflowing. (Thanks be to God!) However, there will be plenty of room for everyone at the Memorial Service at the banquet hall.

For travel or lodging information please don't hesitate to call me. (417-598-0852) If necessary, please leave a message and I'll call you back. On behalf of myself and his family, thanks again for your prayers and well wishes! Blessings on you and yours!

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of Bishop Karl Hugo Prüter. We thank you not only for his life but also for his witness, his faithfulness, his love, and his friendship. May his life be a gentle reminder to us all of how to live a life of faith and Christian witness until we too have run the race and can join you both in your Heavenly Kingdom. Please send your holy angels round about his family and friends, strengthen them, comfort them, and in the darkness of their sadness, light a path for them to follow. Let light perpetual shine upon Karl, your good and faithful servant, and may he at last rest in peace. Amen.

Pax et Amor,

+Brian E. Brown OSH

About Bishop Prüter and His Obituary

Bishop Karl Hugo Rehling Prüter was born in 1920 in Poughkeepsie, New York. Following high school there he completed undergraduate work at Boston's Northeastern University, and then earned his master's degree in divinity at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. After starting his ecclesiastical career as a congregational minister, he wrote two books, the second of which, Neo-congregationalism was later revised to include a chapter relating the personal sojourn that brought him to the Old Catholic Movement.

In 1967 Bishop Prüter was consecrated bishop of Christ Catholic Church, and the church, under his leadership, has significantly influenced the entire Old Catholic Movement. He served as Presiding Bishop of Christ Catholic Church until August of 2007 when he retired to concentrate on his writing. He has devoted much of his time to spiritual writing and to promoting the retreat movement. Throughout his work in the church, Bishop Prüter conducted literally hundreds of retreats for both Protestant and Catholic groups.

Along with having written scores of religious booklets, Bishop Prüter has also authored sixteen books. Bishop Prüter, along with many other jobs he held in his life, was a life long educator, most recently teaching at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield Missouri.

Perhaps most notable in the Ozarks is the fact that Bishop Prüter served at the Cathedral of the Prince of Peace in Highlandville Missouri. The Cathedral holds the title and record, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, as the World's Smallest Cathedral. (14' X 18' seating about a dozen souls) The original stone building was a wash house built around the turn of the century and has served many purposes over the years. In the early eighties Bishop Prüter moved to Highlandville Missouri seeking a quieter more contemplative life. Fr. Karl wasted no time in converting the old wash house into a place of prayer and worship. With a Bavarian blue cupola, a stained glass portrayal of Jesus as the Prince of Peace, a lovely antique altar, and two rows of pews with kneelers, the Cathedral of the Prince of Peace was opened for worship.

Since that time Bishop Prüter has celebrated mass at the cathedral daily until his retirement. From its beginning the Cathedral has seen visitors from all around the world as pilgrims have stopped by to offer a prayer, share a story, or gather to worship. Well known, the World's Smallest Cathedral serves as a landmark and monument for the Independent or Old Catholic Movement in America welcoming all through its humble doors, a tourist destination for the state of Missouri, and a fitting tribute to the ministry of a beloved Old Catholic Bishop from the Ozarks.

Bishop Prüter was preceded in death by his first wife of 49 years, Nancy Lee (Taylor) and their 2 sons, Hugo Rehling Prüter Jr. and Stephen Paul Prüter. He is survived by Teresa, his loving wife of 8 years and his children, Robert Prüter, Nancy Tenney, Karl Prüter, Catherine Abrahams, Maurice Prüter, Terra

Roush, Michael Purtymun, and thirteen grandchildren.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may be made to help save the Cathedral of the Prince of Peace and may be sent to: Cathedral of the Prince of Peace PO Box 63 Highlandville, MO 65669

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