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In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that I announce the death of Charles M. Wilson, Founder of The Saint Joseph Foundation and a long-time member of Catholics United for the Faith.



Born on November 19, 1935 in Des Moines, IA to Thomas Wayne and Miriam (Mahler) Wilson, Charles “Chuck” Mahler Wilson grew up in Iowa, New York and finally Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduating from Miami University he spent two years in the Army before starting his professional career with Proctor and Gamble. On August 22, 1964 he married the love of his life, Therese Ann Dumbacher. After living in California for a few years, he settled in Texas where he and Therese raised their two children. He worked as a sales executive in the printing and packaging industry until he founded The Saint Joseph Foundation (SJF) in 1984. He earned a Master of Theology Studies (MTS) with a certificate

in Canon Law from the Oblate School of Theology in 1991. He remained the Executive Director of SJF until his retirement in 2015. From 2015 until his death, he continued to serve as a member of the SJF Board of Directors and Editor of *Christifidelis*, the newsletter of SJF.

Baptized and raised in the Episcopal Church, Chuck followed a common path to the Catholic Church; an intellectual one influenced by a spouse! He converted to Catholicism in 1966 and began a life-long journey of serving Christ and His Church. As he often explained, after becoming Catholic, he recognized that most Catholics don’t know their Faith and even fewer live it. He spent more than 50 years of his life working to change that. In addition to his founding SJF, Chuck participated in apostolic endeavors with the Wanderer Forum Foundation, served as an active member of the Houston Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith, and was a founding member of Our Lady of the Atonement (Atonement) Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas. Atonement Parish was the first Anglican Rite usage parish in the Catholic Church and was founded one-year before SJF. It is no small claim nor presumptuous statement to say that Atonement Parish likely would not exist today if not for Chuck. Nor would Catholics United for the Faith. In 2017, he served as Chairman of the SJF Board of Directors and was an ardent supporter of affiliating CUF and restoring its original mission. As one who benefited from his wisdom and apostolic prowess, I know that Chuck’s apostolic efforts touched countless lives and kept many a Catholic in the practice of the Church.

Charles was an avid reader and possessed wide knowledge on a variety of subjects. He enjoyed cooking, traveling and had a great sense of humor he liked to share while telling a story. A man

of strong faith, he put God first in his life and lived accordingly. Clients and donors of The Saint Joseph Foundation will always remember him for his pithy comments, personal nature, and evident love for the Catholic Church.

Chuck died on June 10, 2021, at the age of 85 after an extended hospital stay. He suffered greatly during his last years of life due to complications from diabetes and all that goes along with it. He never complained but suffered quietly in the example of Saint Joseph. Chuck is survived by his loving and devoted wife Therese, daughter Mary (Rob) Wilson Reynolds, son Robert Wilson and five grandchildren - Michael Parrish, Courtney Wilson, Adam Wilson, Matthew Wilson and James Wilson. He also leaves behind a great granddaughter, Autumn Parrish. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas Wilson.

A private funeral Mass was held for family members and close friends at Atonement Parish on June 18, 2021. He was laid to rest in the columbarium of Atonement Parish. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorial contributions be made to The Saint Joseph Foundation, 85882 Water Works Rd. Hopedale, OH 43976; www.stjosephcanonlaw.com.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

Dear Friends,

“Grace to you, and peace from Him Who is, Who was, and Who is to come” (Rev. 1:4).

Many years ago, I read an article that compared the death of a man to the burning of a library. For those who knew *of* Chuck Wilson, that may be an apt comparison. For those of us who *knew* him, he was either family or friend, never just a colleague.

I miss him. So many others do as well.

Please keep his widowed wife in prayer.

God bless you all; St. Joseph keep you.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip C. L. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "C".

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