

**Words of Bishop Felipe J. Estévez
for the Funeral Mass of Diane Erickson
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Friday, May 21, 2021**

May Diane Erickson live in the Risen Lord!

As we prepare to celebrate the Mass, we all are of one mind and heart wishing Diane to safely reach our Risen Lord's kingdom of light and life.

Diane trusted in His promises and we know in faith and hope she, of all people, will receive eternal life. We all know.

Diane had a practice of attending daily Mass and contemplating the Eucharistic face of Christ in adoration. I often sat close to her here St. Joseph's Church.

I will always remember her gentle and peaceful ways, so concerned for our well-being, so supportive to our multiple needs with great, great generosity.

We all know how close she was to the Mother of the Lord. Today as we pray the Regina Caeli, the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus renews our heart. We ask his Mother to intercede for beautiful Diane that she may obtain the joys of everlasting life.