

## **The Communicator, February 24, 2024, James Papp, RIP**

With great sadness for the loss of our friend and brother but with joy for Jim who is now in the greater presence of his Lord, I report that James Papp passed this evening in his own bed in Xochitepec.

Jim made it very clear earlier in the day to me and to others that he wanted to go home. Isabel Graves, Rosa (his beloved housekeeper) and I were there when he was fully conscious and requested a priest to give him last rites and then to be allowed to return home. Unfortunately, the Diocesan Annual Conference was today and most all priests were fully occupied. Father Doug was able to get to Jim's bedside and perform this sacrament. Husband Roberto then complied with Jim's wishes and Roberto, Juan Jose, Jorge and Rosa were with him when he passed in his very own bed only minutes after arriving home. We give thanks for these good people of faith who were with Jim and comforted him in this transition.

While with Jim this afternoon I played a very short piece of music that deeply touches my soul... "[Go in Peace.](#)" I have attached it to this mail and hope it will speak to you as well. For the rest of the time I was with him I played Gregorian Chants. Jim sang this music for the years he was in training to be a cantor, a priest. When I asked if he wanted me to turn off the music he vehemently said, "no" with all of his body. I hope the attachment can be heard by those of you who loved our friend.