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## **Rev. Monsignor Joseph Chotin Jr.**

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Rev. Monsignor Joseph Leonard Chotin Jr., known as “Father Joe”, died at his home in Mandeville, Saturday, May 10, 2008.

A wake will be held Wednesday at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Mandeville. Public visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph’s Abbey in Covington, with burial in Abbey Cemetery.

He is survived by one sister, Wanda Chotin Johnson and husband, Dr. Gordon Johnson; three nieces, Patricia Ann Stewart, Robin Marie Scheyd and Pamela Paige Fair; their husbands, Dr. Wayne Stewart, John Scheyd and Mark Fair; and seven great-nieces and nephews, Taylor, Michael, Patrick, Ryan, Austin, Tyler and Amanda.

He grew up in New Orleans where he attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Warren Easton High School. Having decided to enter the priesthood, he attended St. Mary’s Seminary in Kentucky where he studied Latin for two years. He continued his study of Latin at Conception Abbey in Missouri, before completing his training at Notre Dame Seminary. After ordination, he served as assistant pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Morgan City and then at St. Joseph’s Parish in Chauvin. Following these assignments, he assumed the position of Vocations Director, first for the tri-parish area then for the New Orleans Archdiocese. Father Joe served as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish from 1979 to 2001. In retirement, he continued to play an important role in the life of the parish. He will be greatly missed.

Fielding Funeral Home of Covington is in charge of arrangements.