



The Diocese of Knoxville

Living our Roman Catholic faith in East Tennessee

MEDIA ADVISORY
June 4, 2017
Contact Jim Wogan
865-660-0189 ■ jwogan@dioknox.org

The Chancery
805 Northshore Drive
Knoxville, Tenn. 37919
www.dioknox.org

Bishop Stika statement on the death of Bishop Choby

KNOXVILLE — Statement from Most Rev. Richard F. Stika, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, on the death of Bishop David Choby:

“Bishop Choby has carried a heavy cross these last years with his health in decline, but he did so with a sense of hope and trust in Jesus. His death last night on the eve of Pentecost is sad for us, but life for Bishop Choby hasn’t ended, it has only changed. I believe now that he will be at peace in the presence of Jesus.

“I have lost a friend and a brother bishop. Just a few days ago, I spoke with Bishop Choby for a half hour and found it to be an enjoyable conversation about his hopes for the future. I finished our conversation telling him that I consider him a dear friend and that I love him a lot. He expressed the same love for me and said he was grateful for our friendship and our many visits.

To all my friends in the Diocese of Nashville, please know that I, along with all your sisters and brothers in East Tennessee, are praying for you.

Bishop Richard F. Stika
The Catholic Diocese of Knoxville