

JOHN GEORGE
JEROME HOLLAND III,
KHS

John Holland began collecting relics at age 13, living in Miami Gardens, Florida. Deeply devoted to the Church, saints, and priests, as a young teenager John Holland consecrated



himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary and sought to become a Redemptorist priest. He entered Seminary but had to leave to help his family. His whole life he was active in the Church, especially with helping the priests, and his life work was collecting relics to be venerated in churches. Many of the relics were obtained from a motherhouse in Rome, the Augustinian Monasterium S. Luciae in Silice. John Holland also received many relics from Poland, including from the private collection in the home of Pope St. John Paul II. John Holland married Elaine Holland in 2003, and they moved to Chattanooga, TN, where he passed away in 2016. John Holland's life goal was to become a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher, an honor that was granted just before his death. In 2016 he was posthumously inducted. John Holland graciously donated his collection of over 175 relics to the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

We at the basilica are deeply, sincerely grateful for John Holland's life work of the collection of saints' relics and for his generous donation.