Archbishop Emeritus
Peter David Smith
dies aged 76.

The Most Reverend Peter David Smith LLB JCD
died on Friday 6th March 2020 in Chelsea, London.

He was an English prelate of the Roman Catholic Church,
the Archbishop-Emeritus of the Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Southwark.

He previously served as:
- Bishop of East Anglia (1995 - 2001),
- Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff (2001 - 2010)
  and

Peter David Smith was born on 21st October 1943 in Battersea,
London, England. He was educated at Clapham College, then
an all-boys Catholic voluntary-aided grammar school. He studied
at Exeter University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in
law. He then undertook studies for the priesthood at St. John's
Seminary in Wonersh and the Pontifical University of St Thomas
Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome (earning his doctorate in canon
law).

Smith was ordained to the priesthood on 5th July 1972.

After doing pastoral work from 1972 to 1974, Smith began teach-
ing canon law at his alma mater, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, in

On 21st March 1995, Smith was appointed Bishop of East Anglia by Pope John Paul II. He received his episcopal consecration on the following 21st May from Cardinal Basil Hume OSB, with Archbishop Michael George Bowen and Bishop Alan Charles Clark serving as co-consecrators. Smith was later named Archbishop of Cardiff on 26th October 2001, following the resignation of the Capuchin, John Ward.

Smith has been chair of the Catholic Truth Society and the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship within the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales from 1998 to 2019. He was also chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC) of the BBC and ITC from 2001 to 2004. In 2002 he was made a sub-prelate and chaplain of the Venerable Order of Saint John.

In 2004 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the University of Wales, Lampeter and also of Cardiff University in 2006. On 30th April 2010, Smith was named as the Archbishop of Southwark, replacing Archbishop Kevin McDonald who resigned the see due to ill health. He was installed on 10th June 2010.

On the 10th June 2019 Smith's resignation from the pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Southwark was accepted by Pope Francis, and Bishop John Wilson named as his successor.