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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy the Winter 2022 edition of our Newsletter. As winter (slowly, it seems) turns into spring, it is a time for hope, for rebirth, for starting anew. This year I think we can all be truly hopeful for 2022 as many hopeful signs are pointing towards the end of the pandemic.

Here at the Office of Advancement we are hopefully and prayerfully anticipating a return to in-person events, such as the annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner – Toronto, which was cancelled for the past two years.

In this edition, we share stories of the ordination to the priesthood of Adam Lalonde, SJ, and a profile of Father Leonard Altilia, SJ, who is known to a good many of you, I'm certain. As well, donor Mark DesRoches shares the reasons for his special connection to the Jesuits.

Continuing in the spirit of rebirth, we are excited to share with you news of the return of Jesuit ministry in the Halifax region. The Jesuits were active in Halifax for many, many years, but left several years ago due to personnel constraints. We are very happy to be back!

We are also pleased to report to you on the results of our appeals for the renovation of the René Goupil Jesuit Infirmary and Father Provincial's special appeal to help build a strong foundation for the Haitian Jesuits. The response from friends of the Jesuits to both campaigns was truly overwhelming, and we are most grateful for your unprecedented support.

Thank you all for being friends and supporters of the Jesuits, who pray for you always. Stay safe and well, and we truly hope to see you in person this year!

Best wishes,

Barry J. Leidl  
Director of Advancement  
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With Pope Francis, we “appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies,” and we call upon all the parties involved to “refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”

More than ever all of us need to practice hospitality and compassion at this moment when people are at risk of losing everything. We join Jesuits in Europe and the Jesuit Refugee Service in strongly encouraging neighbouring countries to Ukraine to keep borders open for the eventual arrival of refugees and assist anyone in need of protection.

Among our own numbers, and among our colleagues and friends here in Canada, are members of the Ukrainian diaspora. Many of them have friends and family in Ukraine. We ask all of our communities and works in Canada to respond to Pope Francis’ call for prayer, fasting and action in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Let us pray for those suffering in Ukraine, for their loved ones who are anxiously watching the developments from abroad, for an end to hostilities, and for the restoration of a true justice and a genuine peace. ■





# Jesuits of Canada Welcome New Priest



Jesuit Adam Lalonde was ordained to the priesthood in his home parish of St. Patrick's in Ottawa, by Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa-Cornwall Terrence Prendergast, SJ this past August 2021.

The ordination of Fr. Lalonde was a sign of joy and hope in the midst of difficult times and the constraints imposed by the global pandemic.

In his homily, Archbishop Prendergast made reference to the Gospel reading of the day, which described Jesus going through the cities and villages of his time to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom of justice, love, and peace, which He would inaugurate by his ministry, and especially by his passion, death on the cross, and resurrection to new life.

Archbishop Prendergast also alluded to the wider work towards reconciliation, justice, and peace undertaken by the Jesuits of Canada as a journey of conversion that is "summoning everyone in our country to a profound conversion with regards to our relationship with the Indigenous people of this land." He added: "We enter upon this difficult and necessary process of conversion in the spirit of the Scriptural readings we have heard."

"Jesuits are to carry on Jesus' mission of healing the many people who go about not knowing where to turn for solace," said the Archbishop.

Quoting the Book of Isaiah, he underlined Fr. Lalonde's generosity in also embarking on a mission for the Kingdom, "to bring good news to the



oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted... to comfort all who mourn... to give people the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit" (Isaiah 61:1-3).

"Within this company of disciples, a priest finds his role and the service he is called to render: to be a shepherd, to watch over, to keep together the holy people of God. As God's anointed people, we receive and welcome today a newly anointed priest," he added.

The ordination ceremony was followed by an intimate celebration attended by friends, Jesuits, family, and others close to Fr. Lalonde. ■

To learn more about Fr. Adam Lalonde's journey, at <https://www.jesuits.org/formation/adam-j-lalonde-sj/>

To read in its entirety the text of the homily of the ordination mass go to <https://bit.ly/2021ordinations-homily>.

Finally, watch a video of the ceremony at <https://youtu.be/HeRsCgbbYuA>.





**Adam J. Lalonde, SJ**, was born and raised in Ottawa. By the age of 16 he felt a calling to minister in the Church after a service trip to Guyana.

He first encountered the Jesuits through his high school chaplain who thought the Society of Jesus would be a good fit because of his interests in social justice, spirituality, and his love of learning. He attended the University of Toronto (St. Michael's College) where he completed an undergraduate degree specializing in Mediaeval Studies with a minor in Christianity and Culture. After graduation he worked for two years in administration at the University of Ottawa before finally deciding to enter the novitiate. As a novice, Adam visited isolated elderly people, taught Catechesis to children, gave Communion at the hospital and spent five months working in Belize. After taking Vows he was sent back to the University of Toronto

for two years of philosophy at Regis College. Working at a soup kitchen and with refugees during the academic year, he spent a summer in retreat ministry for the first time and another learning Spanish in Venezuela. Adam was then sent to Loyola High School in Montreal, where he taught grades 7, 8 and 11 in geography, history, religion, contemporary world issues, and philosophy. For a third year of Regency, he worked with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There he was responsible for the secondary education program at Masisi Base, supporting schools and students in and around refugee camps in an insecure region. After this experience, he was sent back to Toronto to complete a Master of Divinity at Regis College. Highlights of those years include completing training as a spiritual director at Loyola House in Guelph, ON, and completing the Arrupe Month with scholastics at the Ateneo de Manila in

the Philippines. He is completing a Master of Theology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at Regis College focusing on medieval historical theology, while acting as a part-time assistant pastor at St. Mark's Parish on the campus of the University of British Columbia.

*"I see my ministry as a call to healing. For me this means facilitating the encounter between the individual and God. It is a call to become more invisible so as not to become an obstacle in that encounter. As Ignatius instructs the director in the Spiritual Exercises: 'Let the creature deal with the Creator and the Creator with the creature.' It means imparting only one lesson really: that the Spirit speaks directly to everyone, leading each one back to the Father through Christ. As I help others, so they help me in my own spiritual growth because this always means relearning old lessons and deepening my own attention to interior movements."*

## Fundraiser for Haiti in Toronto

A fundraising event for Haiti took place at the Jesuit parish of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Toronto on December 18, 2021.

The evening featured music and a presentation about the situation in Haiti. Singer Makayla Bentley began the concert by performing *King of Glory* and was followed by a small Haitian group who performed two pieces in Creole. The Coordinator of Programs for Haiti, Jesuit Father Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ presented on the significant projects of the Jesuits in Haiti. The Jesuits are working very hard to improve the dignity of Haitians and raise the quality of education for the poorest.

The talk was followed by organist Imre Oláh who delighted the audience with a performance. Jesuit Marc-Andre Veselovsky, SJ accompanied by Adrian Ross on the piano, touched the hearts of the public with a performance of *Gewaltige* from Johann Sebastian Bach's German *Magnificat* and *Ave Maria* by Franz Schubert.

Jesuits of Canada Provincial Fr. Erik Oland, SJ, who could not come in person, recorded two pieces which brought much joy and delight to the audience. He performed an Irish Christmas Carol, sung in Irish and a Huron Carol, sung in three languages: Huron, French, and English. Lenny Jean Paul offered a wonderful improvisation on the piano. Makayla Bentley ended the concert with *Silent Night*.

Fr. Francky thanked all those who contributed to Jesuit successes in Haiti and invited all to continue being part of the Haitian Jesuits' work in improving the lives of the people of Haiti. He also invited



Dr. Eric Pierre, the Honorary Consul of Haiti in Toronto, to join him in some final words of encouragement to all those who would like to support the Jesuit mission in Haiti.

Despite pandemic restrictions and inclement weather, roughly 80 participants attended the evening. Those who could not come in person were able to watch the concert online through the parish's YouTube channel.

Future fundraising events for Haiti are in the works. In the meantime, to support the Jesuit mission in Haiti, please donate via the Office of Advancement in Toronto by phone at 416.481.9154; email [supportus@jesuits.ca](mailto:supportus@jesuits.ca) or online at [jesuits.ca](https://jesuits.ca). For information about projects in Haiti please contact Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ, the Coordinator of Programs for Haiti via email at [jguerrier@jesuites.org](mailto:jguerrier@jesuites.org). ■



# 500 Years of Wisdom to Use in Our Lives Today

Five hundred years ago, St. Ignatius of Loyola was wounded by a cannonball, an event that became the catalyst for his profound spiritual pilgrimage that led to the creation of the Society of Jesus. At the foundation of this new religious order were the Spiritual Exercises, an Ignatian gift that has been adapted and adopted by Jesuits and laypeople throughout the world, most notably in Canada.

To celebrate the past 500 years, the Society of Jesus has launched the Ignatian Year 2021–2022, inviting Jesuits to share their unique gifts. Within the framework of this initiative, the Jesuit Province of Canada will host their first virtual Ignatian Spirituality Conference on April 2 and 3.

As we are all called to collaborate in Jesus' call to hope, reconciliation, and justice, this two-day conference will provide an opportunity to deepen in our spiritual life so that we can more effectively put our faith into action for the common

good. Participants will not only learn ways to integrate 500 years of spiritual wisdom into their daily lives, they will also have an opportunity to connect with other participants.

How can Ignatian spirituality enrich our lives today? Eight sessions and two practical activities will offer opportunities to explore and experience various facets of Ignatian spirituality. Among other presenters, Sr. Laurence Loubières, XMCJ, will speak about how to make good decisions; Fr. James Martin, SJ, will give some helpful tips for discerning what is from God and what is not; Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, will discuss how to confidently recognize the path that God has prepared for us; and Fr. Greg Kennedy, SJ, will show how the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius can shed light on the journey back to our Common Home. ■

To register for this free conference visit [www.ignatianconference.com](http://www.ignatianconference.com).



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# A man for others

**M**ark DesRoches has fond memories from his Catholic upbringing that guide his life to this day.

“I remember my mother kneeling beside my bed teaching me how to say my evening prayers,” says DesRoches. “As a child, my father always wore a suit to Sunday Mass and you were expected to be there as it was and is a holy day of obligation.”

DesRoches is the youngest of four boys born to Frances Marion Corby DesRoches and Ayre Brebeuf William (Bill) DesRoches, who were happily married for 64 years and who instilled in him his Catholic faith.

As a teen, the Toronto-native attended Brebeuf College High School which was founded by the Jesuits in 1963. There he was inspired by the Catholic values instilled by the teachers, both priests and laity. Each student was treated as a child of God - with great dignity, he says. He fondly remembers educators like Jesuit Fathers Brian Massie, Winston Rye, and Don Beaudois.

He later attended the University of Guelph, ON, where he became involved with the University Catholic Community (UCC). There the inherent worth and human dignity of each individual was stressed and affirmed. He became a member of a community of persons with the same goal, he says, to give “greater glory to God.”

“At Brebeuf College each student was treated as a child of God.”

DesRoches has attended silent retreats at Loyola House in Guelph and Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering, ON. What struck him the most about the retreats he attended is the Jesuits’ profound respect for the importance of silence while on retreat.

“It is through silence that we come into an intimate union with our loving God,” says DesRoches. “It is in the silence that we hear the gentle promptings of the Spirit.”

DesRoches has been a fixture at many pre-pandemic Jesuit events including the annual Jesuit Provincial’s Dinner, the beer tasting, and a variety of lectures.

DesRoches’ generosity to the Jesuits has come in the form of scholarships, one in his own name and one in the memory of his late parents, as well as financial assistance to the René Goupil Jesuit Infirmary, the Jesuits in Haiti, and Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, ON.

One of his favorite prayers comes from St. Ignatius of Loyola:

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not seek for rest; to labour and not seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. ■*







# Jesuits return to Halifax

On the invitation of the Most Rev. Brian Dunn, Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the missioning of the Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada, Fr. Erik Oland, the Canadian Jesuits returned to Halifax in late summer 2021 after a six-year absence.

Jesuit Fathers Charles Pottie and Earl Smith are now based in Halifax, NS, while their fellow Atlantic Canada Jesuits are in St. John's, NL.

"Our early experience in Halifax has been intense, fast paced and life-giving despite the challenges of Covid-19," says Fr. Smith.

Starting up a new residence and a centre has been quite busy and has included many practical necessities of daily life - cooking, cleaning, securing licenses, healthcare, and so on. Establishing new and renewed relationships within and near Halifax has also been a priority for the two affable Jesuits.

The return allows the Jesuits to re-commence a ministry based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius throughout Atlantic Canada following the closure of the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Halifax, in 2015-16.

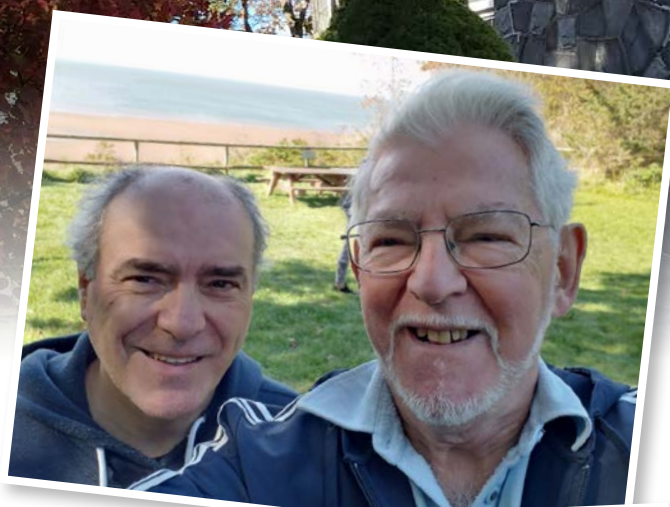
The Halifax Jesuits' projected ministry goes beyond Halifax and includes other Maritime locations within a few hours drive and many more places when the outreach is online. An example of this outreach occurred during Advent 2021, when the Jesuits offered five online presentations for 200 registered participants. Most were residents of Atlantic Canada, while others were from across Canada and the US.

Fr. Pottie continues his work with the Ignatian-based Christian Life Community (CLC English Canada) and as the Jesuit liaison for the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate (ASSEA). Members of CLC and ASSEA live their Christian vocation inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Fr. Smith began a new ministry as moderator of pastoral care at Holy Apostles Parish on Nova Scotia's south shore. The ministry stretches across 120 kilometres and has five churches.

Offering spiritual accompaniment to others is an almost everyday ministry for these seasoned Ignatian spiritual guides. Both are very engaged at the parish and at their residence with faith sharing opportunities for the laity and local clergy. Presentations in support of diaconate formation have been given and other planned ministries include an outreach ministry to persons of modest financial means. Both Jesuits have also been invited to assist the staff at Chalice, an Archdiocese-supported international charity, with on-going faith formation.

The Jesuits hope to continue learning how best to serve the people of God in Atlantic Canada in collaboration with Ignatian grounded lay friends. ■







# A love for teaching and serving God

As a child Jesuit Father Len Altília dreamed of becoming a teacher.

He had a keen ability to make complicated ideas simpler for others to understand. He also loved the Catholic faith he was raised in and serving at Mass.

“The problem was I didn’t know any teachers who were priests or priests who were teachers,” says Altília.

Then one June at a father and son communion breakfast he heard a Jesuit speak about all the things the Jesuits were doing around the world. When he left the breakfast, the young Altília turned to his father and said, “I want to be a Jesuit.”

At 17, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Guelph and has spent most of his Jesuit life in education. From teaching to serving as chaplain and principal and president at Loyola High School in Montreal, to serving as principal at Gonzaga High School in St. John’s, NL, to serving as president at St. Paul’s High School in Winnipeg, MB. His time with students has been so impactful that he still hears from many former students today. He’s even officiated at many weddings and funerals.

“The extraordinary quality of the relationships I have been able to develop through my life, not just with students but with their families, stands out,” says Altília. He adds, “Those relationships gave meaning to what I did - helping young people grow up to responsible adulthood.”

He stresses the importance of allowing students to exercise leadership among their peers, not just in sports and academics but in faith formation. For example, when he was at Gonzaga the pastoral team consisted of students who were actively engaged in preparing the liturgical activities.

“We came up with great ideas to help kids grow in faith and have a sense of purpose in life,” Altília says.

He recalls a troubled student at Gonzaga who reached out to him recently thanking him for his kindness. Altília’s care helped the student during a difficult period and she is now a social worker helping people in need.

Like other Jesuits, this priest-educator has always had more added to his busy portfolio. He served as vocation director for the English Canada Jesuits, as assistant to the provincial (Socius), delegate for sexual misconduct allegations, superior at several Jesuit



residences, province consultor, provincial assistant for secondary and pre-secondary education, team member at the Church of the Gesù, (which is under renovation), chair of the Jesuit Board of Owners at Loyola, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the Jesuit Schools Network for Canada and the US, and more. He holds many of these positions today.

Altília is thankful to the generous benefactors of the Society of Jesus.

“The support from donors for the Jesuits ultimately has the impact of changing other people’s lives because that money makes it possible for the Society to do the work it does best – to help people transform their lives,” says Altília. “That generosity truly changes lives.” ■



# Canadian Jesuit Cardinal visits Canada

Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Regis College, Toronto, ON this past Fall during the College's annual Chancellor's Lecture.

The Cardinal, a trusted advisor to Pope Francis who also serves as undersecretary of the migrants and refugees section in the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development—also delivered the lecture on the topic of “The Renewal of Theology as Dialogue from Within.”

It was the Cardinal's first time in Canada since receiving the red hat from Pope Francis in 2019.

In his lecture, Cardinal Czerny told the theology faculty and students at Toronto's Regis College they must take up the neglected renewal of theology called for by the Second Vatican Council, St. Pope Paul VI and St. Pope John Paul II.

The Second Vatican Council set theology on a new path and it's time for Catholic universities and faculties of theology to start walking it, said Czerny.



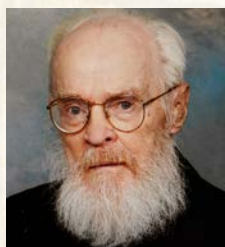
“The Church (at Vatican II) put a definitive end to an attitude that for centuries had conditioned its way of doing theology,” he said. “I am referring to the defensiveness that, since the advent of modernity, had led the Church to conceive of itself as a stronghold besieged by internal and external enemies of the faith. Vatican II decided to discontinue the path traced by Catholic apologetics after Trent; it chose a more dialogical and constructive tone.”

Addressing a Jesuit and pontifical faculty of theology which has just teamed up with the University of St. Michael's College to present a more robust face of Catholic theology, Czerny warned against an inward looking, obsessive parsing of old formulas that do not address the world in which people live their lives.

“Faith without the struggle for justice risks abstraction from reality, insignificance, limitation to mere cult and ritual,” he said. ■

## The Jesuits and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

Some benefactors have inquired about the relationship of the Jesuits of Canada and Indigenous Peoples, particularly since the news has carried many stories about Residential Schools. We would invite anyone interested in this important issue to please visit our website for detailed information. At [www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca) we carry a lengthy document on our homepage entitled ‘On Reconciliation Between the Jesuits of Canada and Indigenous Peoples.’ There you will find answers to many questions including: How many Residential Schools were under the jurisdiction of the Jesuits? Will the Jesuits collaborate to conduct investigations into the remains of children? Have the Jesuits apologized to the victims of Residential Schools? For additional information supporters may also contact the communications office in Montreal at [CANcommunications@jesuites.org](mailto:CANcommunications@jesuites.org)



***Congratulations and many blessings to Jesuit Father Blaise Jaschko who turned 100 years of age on February 3. He resides at René Goupil House, the Jesuit infirmary in Pickering.***





# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JESUIT PROVINCIAL'S DINNER - TORONTO

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.** Mass;

**6:30 p.m.** pre-Dinner reception; **7:00 p.m.** Dinner

**Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall • 8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, ON**

Join the Jesuits of Canada for their annual fundraising dinner. The dinner honours Jesuit Jubilarians - men marking 50 years of service in the Society of Jesus. This year we honour Fr. Pierre Bélanger, Fr. Robert Brennan, Fr. Gregory Carruthers, Fr. Keith Langstaff, and Fr. Stephen LeBlanc. We will also honour long-time supporters Bruce and Gail Young with the Magis award, which is given to those who go above and beyond in doing more for Christ through their exceptional work for others.

**COST:** \$150 per ticket (tax receipt of \$80) Tables of 8 cost \$1,200 (tax receipt of \$640)



## MOTHER'S DAY & FATHER'S DAY

The Jesuits of Canada continue our traditional Mother's Day observance again this year.

On **Sunday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.**, Father Vernon Boyd, SJ, will offer a **Mass at Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma Street in Guelph, ON**, for all our mothers. At this Mass, the special women in the lives of our benefactors and friends will be honoured and remembered.

Carnations will be placed in the sanctuary to symbolize the love we all share for mothers, grandmothers, and any woman who is special to you and for whom you wish to pray. We invite you to share with us the names of those women and men who have made a difference in your life and for whom you wish to give thanks on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

**On Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m.**, Father Boyd will remember those important men in our lives at Mass, whether they are fathers, grandfathers, sons, uncles, or special friends.

## BEER TASTING NIGHT

Please join the Jesuits on **June 15, 2022** for a beer tasting night in Toronto, ON. Come, meet and chat with some young Jesuits. **6:00 p.m.** at **Mill St. Brewery** 21 Tankhouse Lane, Distillery District, Toronto, ON

**COST:** \$50 per person (includes food and beverages)



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**FATHER  
TERENCE J. FAY, SJ**  
JUN. 28, 1932 –  
SEP. 5, 2021

Father Terence Fay died on September 5 at the Ajax-Pickering Hospital. He was 89 and had been a Jesuit for 67 years. Born in Syracuse, NY he completed a bachelors' degree at LeMoyne College in 1953 and studied Latin and Greek at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, ON. He entered the Society of Jesus in Guelph, August 1954.

After novitiate and juniorate, he went to Mount St. Michael's in Spokane, WA for two years of philosophy. While there, he obtained an MA in history from Gonzaga University. He began regency at Regiopolis College and taught English, history and geography. Theology followed at Regis College and he was ordained in Toronto in 1967. He participated in the famous Jesuit canoe voyage from Midland to Montreal during Expo 67. He earned a doctorate in history on Canadian-American relations at Georgetown University. In 1971, Fr. Fay, moved to Winnipeg, MB to become chaplain and faculty member at St. Paul's College for 13 years. In 1985, he moved to Toronto. At Regis College, he became involved in writing and doing research at the Jesuit Province archive and briefly served as director of the *Dictionary of Jesuits in Canada*. He was a professor at the Toronto School of Theology, and also taught the history of religion at St. Augustine's Seminary and at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. In 1988, he joined the community at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Fr. Fay published *A History of Canadian Catholics: Gallicanism, Romanism, and Canadianism*. He created the first comprehensive history of Catholics in Canada. In 2003, he published *The New Faces of Canadian Catholics: The Filipinos, Chinese, and Tamils*. In 2020, he published the second edition of his book, *Canadian Catholic Spirituality over 400 Years*. ■



**FATHER JEAN  
GOBEIL, SJ**  
JAN. 4, 1930 –  
JUL. 15, 2021  
Father Jean Gobeil

passed away on July 15 in his 91<sup>st</sup> year of life. Born in Chicoutimi, QC, he completed his classical studies at the Chicoutimi Seminary. Before entering the novitiate in 1951, he spent some time at Laval Hospital in Quebec City for tuberculosis. There he met Fr. René Paquin, who was receiving the same care and who was a missionary in Egypt. He was so inspired by him that during formation he asked to be sent on a mission abroad.

After his novitiate and a year of juniorate, he did a year of regency at Collège Saint-Ignace in Montreal, where he taught math. He studied philosophy at Regis College, Toronto and completed two more years of regency before continuing theological studies in Montreal. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1962. Before tertianship in Belgium, he taught religious studies at the University of Sudbury.

Fr. Gobeil stayed in Belgium after tertianship to take courses in religious psychology and ecumenism at the University of Louvain. During his years of teaching at the University of Sudbury, he deepened his knowledge of the Bible and patrology, and became interested in Indigenous Americans. At Villa Loyola he directed spiritual programs for more than 20 years and continued to give courses. He also presented online commentaries on the daily liturgy. ■



**FATHER  
LOUIS-JOSEPH  
GOULET, SJ**  
SEP. 16, 1929 –  
DEC. 13, 2021

Father Louis-Joseph Goulet died on December 13 after a long illness. Born in Quebec City, after he completed his secondary and college studies, he entered the Jesuits in 1949. His older brother, Réginald, had preceded him in the Society of Jesus by eight years.

After taking first vows, he completed two years of letters and two years of philosophy and was sent to Haiti in 1955 for regency. He taught philosophy for three years at the Grand Séminaire interdiocésain de Port-au-Prince. He returned to Montreal in 1958 to study theology and was ordained a priest in 1961. After tertianship, he returned to Haiti to resume teaching in 1963. In early 1964, the president of the country expelled the 18 Jesuits working there. Returning to Canada, he devoted himself to Sunday missionary preaching at parishes in the dioceses of Quebec. In August 1964, he became responsible for the missionary magazine *Le Brigand*. He served as editor and later director of the magazine for almost 50 years. In the early 1980s, he was also entrusted with the direction of the Missions Office. He fulfilled this role until November 2012. As director of the Jesuit Missions Office, he was concerned about keeping in touch with some 50 Jesuits, originally from the Province of French Canada and others, who were missionaries in almost 15 countries around the world. During the massive exodus of refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, and later Ethiopia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Afghanistan, he became involved in sponsoring people to Canada. ■



**BROTHER RÉMI  
LAFOREST, SJ**  
APR. 24, 1928 –  
NOV. 9, 2021  
Brother Rémi

Laforest died in the infirmary of the Jean-de-Brébeuf Residence on November 9, 2021, as a result of diabetes and heart problems. He was 93 and had been a Jesuit for 75 years. Born in Montreal in 1928, he was the sixth of 13 children. He continued his education until grade nine. He considered himself more gifted for manual work than for studies. At the age of 17, he began postulancy and planned to become a Jesuit brother. After taking his first vows in 1948, he worked for two years as assistant to





the director of the Jesuit farm. Since he did not feel called to be a farmer, his superiors allowed him to study cabinet making. From 1958 to 1961, he taught woodworking to candidates who were destined to become Jesuit brothers. However, Brother Laforest longed to be a missionary and had expressed this wish on several occasions. Finally in April 1964, he was assigned to Ethiopia. Before leaving, he perfected his knowledge of English. This would be very useful for teaching carpentry at the Tafari-Makonnen School, which had been entrusted to the Jesuits by Emperor Haile Selassie in 1945. Brother reluctantly left Ethiopia in 1975. Following a coup d'état, the Jesuits' contract with the government had been abruptly terminated. But Brother's missionary vocation did not end with his return from Ethiopia. After having fulfilled various tasks in several houses and works of the Society in Montreal for more than 15 years, he was sent to Haiti in 1991. He remained until 1994. He was there again from 1999 to 2001, when it was decided to have a novitiate there because the number of candidates for the Society was increasing. In 2011, he asked to move to Richelieu to be at the service of his sick companions and to help the superior. ■



**FATHER GERLAD  
MATHIEU, SJ**

**JUL. 9, 1935 –  
JUL. 17, 2021**

Fr. Mathieu was born in St. Gabriel de Brandon, near Montreal. He began his schooling in French, but soon switched to English, eventually attending Loyola High School. At age 17, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Guelph, ON. He took his first vows in 1954. Juniorate followed at Ignatius College, Guelph, for two years, and then philosophy studies at Mount St. Michael's, in Spokane, WA, for three years. For regency, Fr. Mathieu spent two years teaching at Regiopolis School in Kingston, ON, before moving to theology studies at Regis College, Toronto, ON. He was ordained in June 1964. Fr. Mathieu went to tertianship immediately after theology, at the Pomfret Center in New England. His first apostolic assignment

brought him to Loyola High School in Montreal where he served for the next 52 years in various capacities as teacher, prefect, and student counsellor. Health challenges limited his availability for active ministry in 2018 and he settled into a quiet life of prayer and spiritual direction. He moved to René Goupil House in Pickering, ON in May 2021. When he passed away on July 17, he was 86 years old and in his 69th year of religious life. For many of his years at Loyola, Fr. Mathieu contributed to the faith formation of students via his lunch-hour meetings. He was also the driving force behind the Christmas basket campaign that annually collected and distributed large amounts of food to needy families. ■



**BROTHER JOHN OLNEY, SJ**

**APR. 11, 1939 –  
OCT. 17, 2021**

Brother Olney died on October 17, at René Goupil House, Pickering. He was 82 and had been a Jesuit for 65 years. Born in Montreal, he entered the Society at Guelph as a brother postulant in 1956. First vows took place in March 1959 and juniorate followed at St. Stanislaus Novitiate near St. Louis, Missouri. While there, Br. Olney was trained in fundamental medical care. On his return to Canada in 1961, he was missioned to the Jesuit Curia in Rome where he ran the large post office. On his return to Canada in 1962, he was appointed infirmarian at Regis College. For nearly 20 years, he served in that role. During that time, he completed tertianship in 1969 in Detroit, Michigan. Soon after, Regis College moved to downtown Toronto and the infirmary moved to a new building in Pickering, ON. In 1980, Br. Olney was appointed minister at Regis College, although he lived at Pickering to continue setting up the new infirmary. In 1983, he moved into Arrupe House in Toronto to be a health consultant, and also began custodial work at Regis College on St. Mary's Street. During this time, he was involved in coordinating the ordination liturgies. In 1990, Br. Olney moved to Dale Avenue, Toronto to serve as community minister

while retaining that role in the Regis Community. He also added a treasurer's role to his portfolio. Seven years later, he returned to Isabella Street as minister and community treasurer. Brother's work in Toronto ended in 2017 when he moved to René Goupil House, Pickering. For many years, he was also the Jesuit liaison with Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel. ■



**FATHER CLAUDE  
SOUFFRANT, SJ**

**MAY 6, 1933 –  
JAN. 26, 2022**

Father Claude Souffrant passed away at the Colombière Centre in Clarkson, Michigan, the infirmary of the American Midwestern Jesuit Province on January 26. He had been receiving care there since leaving Haiti in 2018. Fr. Souffrant was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. After completing his secondary and college studies he entered the Grand Séminaire de Port-au Prince in 1954. After completing his training in philosophy and theology, he was ordained in 1959. After serving as a priest in rural parishes, he was admitted to the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in 1965. By virtue of an agreement between the bishops of Haiti and the religious congregations in Haiti, a seminarian could not be admitted to a congregation until he had given five years of service to his diocese after ordination. After taking first vows, he completed his studies in philosophy at the Collège de L'Immaculée-Conception in Montreal, then in Trois-Rivières. Fr. Souffrant studied for two years in Paris, then taught for a year in Senegal. From 1972 to 1986, he devoted his energies to helping Haitian immigrants in Chicago. In 1986, he returned to Haiti. Upon his return to Haiti, Fr. Souffrant served as professor of sociology at the Université d'État d'Haïti, a role he held for more than 30 years. Along with teaching, he devoted himself to assisting students and training teachers. Fr. Souffrant not only dedicated himself to higher education; he also taught philosophy most notably at the Collège Canado-haïtien. In 2003, he opened the secondary section of the École Saint-Ignace for teachers. ■



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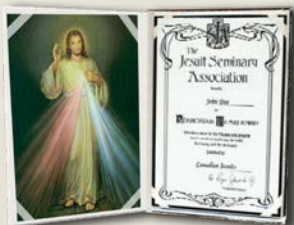
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## FATHER KEVIN KELLY, SJ

*Fr. Kevin Kelly entered the Society of Jesus in 2011 after working 12 years in a multinational pharmaceutical company where he held a number of leadership positions in Canada, the US and Europe. He was ordained to the priesthood in May 2020, after completing his philosophy and theology studies at Regis College. As part of his Jesuit formation, he worked with the African Jesuit AIDS Network (AJAN) in Nairobi, Kenya, developing HIV awareness programs for parishes and schools and assisting women living with HIV in starting their own businesses. He worked at the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, leading small discussion groups in a spiritual conversation process on a variety of social justice issues. He also helped launch the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) in Toronto, a retreat program that supports those in recovery from addiction and who have experienced homelessness. Fr. Kelly is currently the Executive Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal.*

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