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## JESUITS RESPOND TO EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY-SYRIA

**T**he powerful and deadly earthquake which hit Syria and Turkey in early February has Jesuits and their relief partners mobilizing on the ground and providing immediate assistance.

The quake, which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates

displaced more than five million people in war-torn Syria alone, levelled whole towns and cities, killing more than 40,000 people. In Syria, it struck a population that has already suffered through years of war, devastation, and poverty.

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear friends of the Jesuits,

Since joining the Office of Advancement last July, I have been amazed by the generosity and commitment of our team and community of supporters. It has been my honour to meet many of you and I look forward to meeting all of you in the years to come. Thank you for your continued prayers and insights.

Your gifts of support continue to be vital in the formation of young Jesuits, the care of our senior Jesuits, and Jesuit ministries in Canada and around the world. We hope you enjoy the Winter 2023 edition of our newsletter.

In this edition, we share stories of the humanitarian disaster in Syria and Turkey caused by the catastrophic earthquake, the Jesuits of Canada direct involvement and how you can help the millions of people impacted. We hope you enjoy details of the Pope's visit with Canadian Jesuits during his Papal "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada. There is a beautiful article about the Jesuit life of Brother Art White who continues to be the minister of the La Storta Jesuit Community in Pickering. Our long-time friend and supporter Greg Belton is profiled as well as details of the Jesuits' endorsement of his alma mater high school, Brebeuf College. Our apostolate feature is St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg.

We are thrilled that in-person activities are once again a part of our calendar. This year we begin with the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Visit with friends old and new, meet our Jesuit priests and brothers, celebrate Mass, enjoy a reception and beautiful dinner at our new venue, The Bellvue Manor. We will be honouring our Jesuit Jubilarians, milestones in their priesthood, the *Magis* award recipient, and gathering as a community of faith, hope and love. All proceeds from this fundraising event will go towards funding a scholarship for a Jesuit in formation. For details, please go to page 11 or contact us at 416-481-9154 or via email at supportus@jesuits.ca.

Thank you for being friends and supporters of the Jesuits through these very challenging times. The Jesuit Office of Advancement and the Jesuit priests and brothers we support wish to thank you for your continued prayers and generosity. We pray for you daily and hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Scott McMaster  
Director, Office of Advancement



## *Earthquake story continued from page 1*



Father Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, expressed his solidarity with the victims stating, “We express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and communities affected by the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, homes, and communities. We pray for the swift and safe recovery of all those who have been injured and for the comfort of those who have been impacted by this disaster.”

Bishop Paolo Bizzeti, SJ, head of the Apostolic Vicariate of Anatolia, Turkey, and whose Cathedral in Iskenderun collapsed, called the tragedy of thousands of Syrian refugees living in the devastated areas, “A tragedy within a tragedy.”

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) was named by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) as one of four Catholic agencies in Canada who will receive donations collected across Canadian dioceses from an emergency campaign promoted by the CCCB. CJI’s partner overseas, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Syria, is actively working on the ground to address the needs of those most affected in Aleppo, one of the most populous cities in Syria.

“We are proud of our partners JRS Syria which has been able to respond immediately even though they have been personally affected with some of the staff losing family and sleeping in their cars,” says CJI Director Jenny Cafiso.

She adds that the team has been working in the country with local staff for over a decade which gives them the ability to mobilize immediately and know where the need is greatest.

The Jesuits in Syria have opened their building, which was declared safe, and is being used to assist and shelter the displaced. They report significant damage in Aleppo, with collapsed or uninhabitable hospitals, lack of electricity, and often broken telecommunications. People are frightened, with many preferring to remain outdoors in the cold and rain fearing aftershocks.

Since 2008, JRS has provided humanitarian aid to millions of refugees displaced by the on-going Syrian conflict. This earthquake has exacerbated the living conditions of displaced people who were already battling a harsh winter and dealing with a cholera outbreak.

Access to food, clean water and basic necessities will remain critical in the weeks and months ahead. Syrians have long suffered due to the war and socio-economic consequences, with millions being displaced in neighbouring Turkey. ■

**+ Please support JRS’ efforts in Syria through CJI in Canada at 416-465-1824 or online at [www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca](http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca)**

**+ Information provided by CJI, JRS, and the General Curia of the Society of Jesus.**



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## SCOTCH NOSING & DINNER

After a long hiatus due to COVID, the annual Scotch Nosing and Dinner fundraiser returned for an 8th year to Toronto's Albany Club on November 9, 2022.

The festive event, which features one of Canada's foremost authorities on Scotch, Ed Patrick, allows guests to enjoy five premium Scotch selections, while enjoying an enlightening lesson on their distinct attributes.

The evening is one of the most popular fundraisers for the Jesuits of Canada as guests learn about a variety of Scotches, enjoy a delicious meal, and mingle with old and new friends.

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Proceeds from this fundraiser support young Jesuits who are being formed or educated to work across Canada and around the world, and for those Jesuits who are elderly and ill and need care in the Jesuit infirmary. ■







# Papal journey to Canada includes visit with the Jesuits of Canada

During Pope Francis' historic 'penitential pilgrimage' to Canada, from July 24 – 30, 2022, he also met with his Canadian Jesuit brothers for a private meeting in the Archbishop's Residence in Québec City.

The Holy Father normally reserves a private moment to meet with his Jesuit brothers during his apostolic journeys and responds to questions in an informal conversation with those gathered. Among the Jesuits present was the Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Canadian Jesuit Michael Cardinal Czerny.

During their encounter, the Pope highlighted the power of synodality, concern for Haiti, the Church's love for families, and liturgy as 'the people of God's public praise.'

"The synod," Pope Francis said, does not refer to "a political meeting," nor "a committee for parliamentary decisions." Rather, he underscored, "it is the expression of the Church where the protagonist is the Holy Spirit."

The Pope reflected on the power of effective synodality. He acknowledged that the process of reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples is not complete, but observed that "the most important thing is precisely the fact that the episcopate came together in agreement, took up the challenge, and moved ahead."

The Holy Father applauded how the Indigenous Peoples, are "very capable of dealing with the question and committing

themselves," and praised the fruitful relationship between the Indigenous and the bishops. "These are the miracles that can happen when the Church is united."

A Jesuit in attendance brought attention to the tragic situation in Haiti.

The Holy Father voiced his deep concern for the difficult process of national reconciliation underway in the island nation and expressed his solidarity. He also called for concrete solutions to repair the crisis.

The Pope said we must ask ourselves how we can help. Stressing "the people of Haiti are a noble people," the Pope added, "we must help them grow in hope, and encouraged doing so through prayer and penance."

The conversation also touched on the Church's concern and love for families. The Pope lamented that despite the richness of the text of the post-synodal apostolic exhortation on the family, some people focus on one point, rather than pay attention to how the Church treasures and wishes to help families.

After his meeting with the Jesuits and a subsequent meeting with the Indigenous, the Pope concluded his time in Québec and boarded the papal plane *en route* to Iqaluit, Nunavut Territory, for a few hours, where he met Inuit survivors of residential schools, and young and elderly residents, before taking his return flight to Rome.

The full text of the conversation between Pope Francis and the Canadian Jesuits is available online at *La Civiltà Cattolica*. ■





# A Jesuit at the centre of it all

In 2008, when former Pope Benedict XVI was photographed with Jesuits assembling from around the world in Rome, a man was seen in the background looking like he had organized the entire event. It wasn't far from the truth.

Then, beloved Canadian Jesuit Brother Art White was in fact assisting with General Congregation 35, a massive assembly of Jesuits from around the world, which ran for a few months. His expertise in all things administrative has had him in Rome for assignments on and off for 10 years. He has served as secretary to various Jesuit assistancies and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). He was also in



Rome for two sessions of the Second Vatican Council, worked at three General Congregations, and served five sitting or future Superior Generals of the Society of Jesus.

"Basically, my entire Jesuit life was spent in communicating a daily, joyful service in different locales and situations," says White.

Being blessed with an even temperament has also helped White fit in anywhere he has been assigned. These

have included 30 years editing the Province Newsletter, (internal news for Jesuits), serving as a minister in various houses for 25 years, and serving as a secretary to six provincials for 28 years.

"I truly appreciated my assignments. I caught on to the computer quickly and had a good knowledge of English grammar and clerical procedures," says White.

Born in 1936, White's first contact with Jesuits came at St. Paul's High School and St. Ignatius Parish. After he entered, the Jesuit novitiate taught him many things, but two skills stand out as helping in his future: typing and cooking. Both helped him in his future work and communities.

Historically in the Society of Jesus, brothers were involved in manual work serving as cooks, building managers, electricians, groundskeepers, and so on. White was an exception like brothers who were proficient in banking or teaching. As White says, "It is consoling to know many brothers are now involved in spiritual direction, teaching, researching, rather than the old-style manual work regime."

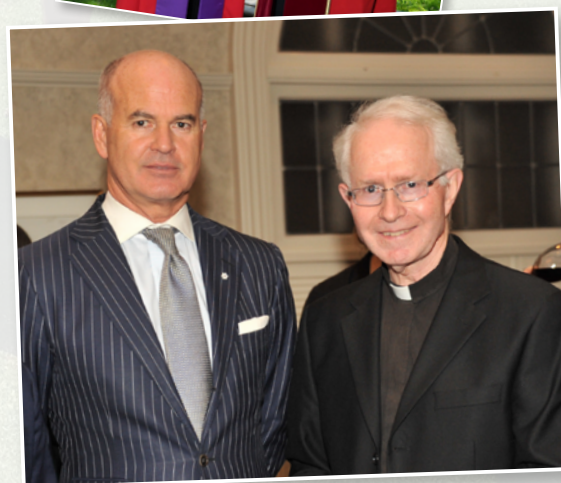
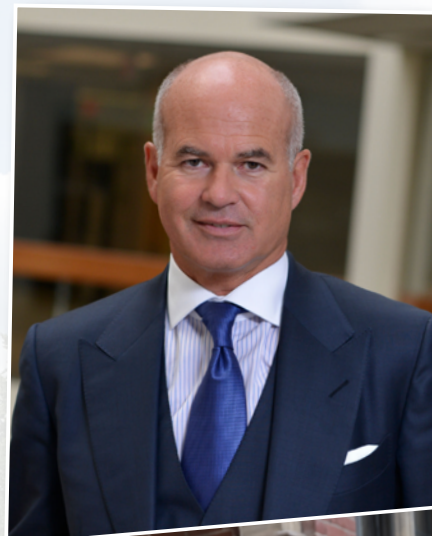
"It has been a rewarding and fulfilling vocation," says White.

Today, White is minister of the La Storta Jesuit Community in Pickering, ON, where he continues to work on various projects for the Archives of the Jesuits in Canada. He can still be found attending all gatherings and meeting with friends and donors.

"Having met so many benefactors and friends of the Society, I am conscious how much we owe them and how much they depend on our spiritual support," says White. ■



# From Brebeuf College to the world: Greg Belton



Businessman and philanthropist Gregory Belton has received a slew of prestigious acknowledgments and mixed with the likes of global leaders and Royals, yet he still carries with him values learned from his years at Jesuit-established Brebeuf College.

“Jesuits are known for placing a strong emphasis on equality and social justice,” says Belton, who graduated from the school in 1976 when Jesuits were still administrators and educators at the prestigious Toronto boy’s school.

The executive chairman of HUB International Ontario, a global insurance brokerage and Canada’s largest property insurance brokerage firm, Belton is an insurance industry leader who has combined business success with social conscience.

“Throughout my adult life I have been deeply involved in the charitable sector, with an emphasis on organizations that help the poor, hungry and marginalized,” says Belton.

Belton’s charitable work has led to much recognition. He has received numerous national and international awards including Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and in 2016 he was made a member of the Order of Canada. In 2006, he was made a Knight of the Papal Order, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and he became a Knight Commander in 2011. A member of the Young Presidents’ Organization, he received their YPO Legacy Award in 2003 which is granted to members who have overcome great obstacles to

achieve success, accomplished something extraordinary in their lives, and/or inspired others. He followed Prince Philip as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award, based in the UK and operating in 140 countries. Belton held the position for 10 years and was replaced by Prince Edward in 2017.

Even with his international work, Belton has also been a generous benefactor of the Jesuits of Canada, supporting several events promoting the work of the Jesuits. He has very fond memories of Jesuits from his Brebeuf years, priests like Fathers Topping, Beaudois, Trainor and Rye, who was very comforting to his family when Belton’s mother passed away in 1998 and when his father died ten years later.

“My Catholic faith has helped me deal with tragedy and loss,” says Belton, who attends Mass regularly – and says, “It’s a time each week when I can reflect on how I am doing as a husband, father and member of the broader community, all in the context of the teachings of the Church.”

Another Jesuit value that appeals to Belton is developing the whole person to their fullest potential. He even wrote a book about his life up to age 60 entitled *An Unexpected Life*. The title comes from exceeding expectations that he and others may have had for him at an early age. He feels he has done the unexpected in his personal life, career and in leadership roles in many philanthropic organizations in Canada, the UK, and US. ■



# Brebeuf College's Jesuit spirit

The last issue of the Jesuit newsletter announced the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) and the Jesuits of Canada formal endorsement of Brebeuf College School. But what does this mean exactly?

While the Jesuits will not have any administrative or teaching duties at the College, like they did from 1963-1984, the Jesuits will support students, staff, parents and alumni so that the institution promotes a Jesuit character and pedagogy. That character is summed up in the Jesuit motto *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* (AMDG) or "For the greater glory of God."

Through the pillars of faith, excellence, tradition and fellowship, students will become "men for others," a term used by the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ, in a 1973 address to Jesuit alumni in Spain. The phrase has been expanded to encompass "men and women for and with others."

In terms of specifics, one of the key Jesuit-influenced initiatives at Brebeuf is the Kairos Retreat program. Kairos, the Greek term for "God's time" is an Ignatian spiritual growth and leadership program for high school and college students that began in Jesuit schools in the U.S. and has since expanded internationally.

Kairos was first introduced to Brebeuf by young Jesuit volunteers in 2009. It is a three-day experience for senior students, alumni, and staff with the objective of providing annual faith formation at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering.

Participants engage in challenging reflective experiences. The program challenges each student to embrace the Christian call to servant leadership for the greater glory of God. An in-depth focus on relationships with family and friends also helps clarify and deepen one's understanding of and relationship with Christ.

Many Ignatian values flow from the experience of Kairos including Saint Ignatius' motto, "Love is shown in deeds more than words," a Kairos theme. ■







# A long and rich history of faith – St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

**T**he story of the founding of St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg, MB is one of great sacrifice and determination, which speaks to the faith and resolve of a Catholic community of worship still very active and vibrant more than 100 years on.

The parish's humble beginnings go back to February 16, 1908, when Mass was first celebrated in a rented store on Osborne Street. A borrowed table served as an altar and 140 parishioners used camp chairs as pews.

Within two months, a property was acquired from a Baptist congregation. Soon after, the site of the present church and school, was purchased. Excavation began in September 1910 and the school opened with just 19 pupils in January 1912. Starting in March, Mass was celebrated in the church basement because parishioners knew the grandiose project of building a beautiful church needed major financial support.

The Ladies Aid, later the Catholic Women's League (CWL), contributed greatly to the growth of the new parish. The Sacred Heart League was set up, an ushers' group and boys altar society was formed, hockey and tennis clubs were also started. The social life of the community revolved around

the parish. The basement church and hall were a focus of both spiritual and social life. Plays, bazaars, musical performances, and card parties were frequent. St. Ignatius was the lifeblood of the community with so many people actively participating in prayer, work and recreation together.

No one anticipated the financial strain triggered by Two World Wars, a crippling Depression, the Spanish Flu and building debt. But the parish community survived.

The old and elaborate church design of 1912 was exchanged for a smaller Gothic one which was completed in 1929, and the parish bazaar became the most successful way to raise funds for the building debts. The bazaar included a tea room, a fish pond, doll booth, games, home cooking, and the raffling of items from gold to a side of beef.

Much has changed in society and within the Church since the 1900s, but today St. Ignatius' community still includes a school, with the addition of an adult education centre, and continues to be a place to develop a greater spiritual relationship with God.

Along with traditional ministries found at most Catholic parishes like the CWL, Knights of Columbus, choir,

Sunday School, and youth ministries; some of the unique ministries at St. Ignatius Parish include prison ministry, healing ministry, prayer shawl ministry, Bat Kol, and El Sitio. Ministries that allow participants to learn more about St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in daily life are also key. The parish's Spiritual Exercises ministry leads about a dozen retreatants per year through the Exercises in Daily Life.

The Jesuits currently serving St. Ignatius Parish are pastor, Fr. Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ, associate pastor Fr. Con Mulvihill, SJ and Fr. John Perry, SJ.



*For more on St. Ignatius Parish, please visit them online at [www.stignatius.ca](http://www.stignatius.ca).*

*Source: St. Ignatius Parish and the St. Ignatius Centennial Book, Who We Were, Who We Are. ■*

# Have you remembered the Jesuits in your will?

By remembering the Jesuits in your will, you can help prepare young men to work in the vineyard of the Lord and sustain elderly Jesuits who have given their lives to Christ and His Church.

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# Masses for the Holy Souls

The Jesuits' Office of Advancement once again asked friends and donors to send in names of their deceased loved ones for November, the month of Holy Souls.

The names were placed in a basket in front of the altar at the René Goupil Chapel, located within the Jesuit infirmary in Pickering, ON. Throughout November the Jesuits prayed for these souls during their daily Eucharist. ■

Join the Jesuits of Canada for their

## 15th Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner - Toronto

April 12, 2023  
The Bellvue Manor  
8083 Jane Street in Vaughan, ON

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. pre-Dinner reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner

This fundraising dinner honours Jesuit Jubilarians - men marking 50 years of service in the Society of Jesus. This year we will be celebrating Fathers Godefroy Midy and David Nazar. We will also honour long-time supporter Rosella Kinoshameg, 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**  
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**FATHER ANDRÉ  
CHARBONNEAU, SJ**

MAY 6, 1929 -

DEC. 4, 2022

Father André

Charbonneau died on December 4, 2022 at the Jesuit residence in Ouanaminthe, Haiti at the age of 93. Fr. Charbonneau was born on May 6, 1929, in Montreal, QC. There he completed his secondary and college studies at Saint Ignatius College and entered the novitiate in August 1948. His older brother, Lucien, had preceded him by two years but died prematurely at the age of 42. After the first stage of his studies, (juniorate and philosophy), he completed his regency at Jean-de-Brébeuf College where he excelled at teaching. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 1962 in the church of the Immaculée-Conception in Montreal. Fr. Charbonneau showed an interest in spirituality while he was a theology student. However, his superiors wanted to send him to Rome to study Sacred Scripture so he could teach at the Major Seminary of Port-au-Prince, Haiti which the Jesuits of French Canada had been directing since 1953.

When he returned to his Jesuit Province in the summer of 1967, the provincial superior of Montreal asked him to be the spiritual father of the philosophy students in Trois-Rivières and to teach the New Testament at the university study centre, which later became the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. He remained there for 26 years. Among his students were future priests, religious men and women, and lay Christians, who greatly appreciated his courses. He

regularly accompanied students and pilgrims to the Holy Land. When he was about to retire from teaching in 1995, the bishop of Trois-Rivières expressed the desire that he remain in the Holy Land and become his representative to the religious of the diocese. But his provincial superior had other plans.

Fr. Charbonneau arrived in Haiti at the age of 66. He lived there for almost 28 years. It was the longest mission he ever completed, and it lasted until he passed away. The common thread of his years was the formation of young Jesuits as they entered the Society of Jesus. He said he felt like he belonged there, even though he lived in a world of great suffering and poverty. He served as prefect of studies and spiritual advisor to Haitian Jesuits in formation. He spent more than 20 years in the novitiate community there. ■



**FATHER FRANÇOIS  
GENDRON, SJ**

AUG. 22, 1927 -

AUG. 26, 2022

Father François

Gendron died from pneumonia at age 95 on August 26, 2022, in the infirmary of the Residence Notre-Dame de Richelieu, QC. Fr. Gendron was born on August 22, 1927, in Montreal. He was the youngest of three boys who lost their father when they were young. He entered the Society of Jesus in August 1945, a few months before his brother André, who was six years older. He completed high school and college studies at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, while he was a novice. After first vows, he did his undergraduate studies in Montreal before being sent to the Collège de Saint-Boniface

for regency. He returned to St. Boniface College after theological studies and before tertianship to serve as prefect of discipline for two years. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 1959 in the church of the Immaculée-Conception in Montreal.

After tertianship at Saint-Jérôme, Fr. Gendron served exclusively in Quebec City and the Lower St. Lawrence region. From 1968 to 1981, he worked at Louis-Joliet School. From 1980 to 1983, he was the superior of the Saint Charles Garnier community. During this time, he was inspired by an article on parish work written by a former assistant of Father Pedro Arrupe, SJ in which the author wrote: "The parish seems to be a privileged place today... to exercise openly, officially and completely our priestly activities and our service of the faith." Fr. Gendron obtained permission to be named pastor of a parish in the diocese of Quebec. He was the pastor of Saint-Fidèle parish from 1981 to 1993. At the end of his mandate, he wished to work in the dioceses of Rimouski and Gaspé. He returned to Quebec City to serve at the Garnier Residence from 2001 to 2006. When the residence closed, he served the parish of St-André de Neufchâtel from 2006 to 2012. Fr. Gendron moved to the Residence of Notre-Dame de Richelieu in 2020. ■



**FATHER KAWAS  
FRANÇOIS, SJ**

MAR. 14, 1954 -

OCT. 23, 2022

Father Kawas

François died at the Canapé-Vert Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on October 23, 2022, following a





stroke. He was 68 and was beginning his 36th year of religious life. Fr. François was born on March 14, 1954, in Margot, a commune of Pilate. He was born into a family of six children, four boys and two girls. After college studies at the Collège Notre-Dame du Cap-Haïtien, he entered the Grand-Séminaire of Port-au-Prince, with the plan of becoming a diocesan priest. But there he met Jesuits who were teaching and was impressed by their competence, apostolic zeal and their approach to problems. After first vows, he began studies in Mexico City and obtained a master's degree in sociology from the Universidad Iberoamericana. He wanted to apply his knowledge to the study of the history of the Church in Haiti and social movements that marked the evolution of Haitian society. He obtained permission to continue his studies in France. He lived there from 1991 to 1995. After completing a second cycle in theology at the Institut Catholique de Paris, he enrolled in the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of the same institute for his doctoral studies. His thesis was: "The Crisis of Church-State Relations (1980-1986)." Upon his return to Haiti in 1995, and until his death, Fr. François had multiple roles while being a passionate researcher and a prolific writer. He served as a professor of sociology at the State University of Haiti and a professor of the history of the Church of Haiti at the Centre inter-Institut de Formation Religieuse. He found time for spiritual accompaniment and collaboration with several dioceses and religious congregations for retreats and apostolic plans. He was a tireless worker who always had a program or a development project to implement. Before he died, he was directing the Centre for Research, Reflection, Formation and Social Action which he founded. Fr. François was the

Provincial's delegate for apostolic works in Haiti for many years. He helped establish *Foi et Joie* in Haiti as well as consolidate the Jesuit Migrant Service. He was a consultor for the Jesuit Territory of Haiti from 2002 until his death. He also coordinated a Jesuit project to build housing for victims of the 2020 earthquake in Haiti. On the day of his stroke, he had a meeting to finalize a report on this housing project. In his message to the Jesuits, Bishop Yves-Marie Péan of the Diocese of Gonaïves, said: "Father Kawas has always been a cheerful, joyful, determined, hard-working, helpful man who loved God, the Church and the Haitian people. He greatly contributed to the advancement of many projects for the Church of Haiti and for his country. He can leave in peace. He succeeded in expending his intellectual, spiritual and physical energies in the service of the Lord and his people. We are proud of him." ■



**FATHER DENIS  
PION, SJ**

AUG. 8, 1934 -  
DEC. 9, 2022

Father Denis Pion died on December 9, 2022 at the Residence Notre-Dame de Richelieu, where he had been living since 2009. He was 88. Fr. Pion was born on August 8, 1934, in Acton Vale, near Drummondville, QC. He completed his secondary and college studies at the seminary of Saint-Hyacinthe before entering the Society of Jesus in August 1955. After taking first vows, he completed classical studies at the Jesuit juniorate, while being registered for a master of arts degree at the University of Montreal. He did two years of regency at Collège Garnier in Quebec City before studying philosophy at Weston College in the New England Jesuit Province. In 1963, he graduated from Boston College with an M.A. He completed

his third year of regency at St. Ignatius College in Montreal. Fr. Pion attended the Faculty of Letters at Laval University and obtained a degree in modern letters. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Immaculée-Conception church in Montreal in June 1968. In 1969, he enrolled in the Faculty of Letters at the University of Nice, France for doctoral studies. There he stayed for two years. He began writing his thesis but was unable to complete it before being asked to teach religious studies at the University of Sudbury. After two years of teaching in Sudbury, he was able to finish his doctoral thesis. From 1974 to 2001, he taught religious studies at the University of Sudbury, while holding many other positions that were entrusted to him. He was also superior of the Jesuit community at the university and a provincial consultor. ■

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**Father Gerard Ryan, SJ**, Assistant Professor of Political Theology at Regis College Toronto, launched his new book *Mutual Accompaniment as Faith-Filled Living: Recognition of the Vulnerable Other* in October 2022. In it, Fr. Ryan advocates for a mutual accompaniment that reformulates recognition theory within a practical and public theology. He develops this interpersonal recognition through the accompaniment of vulnerable people, particularly persons with disabilities and those who suffer from mental illness. The book is published by Springer International Publishing AG.

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