



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Fr. Paul-Marie Amegashie, SMA

who was called home to the Father Monday, September 2, 2024. He died in his native Togo, in the city of Kovié,

Born June 12, 1966, **Fr. Amegashie** made his permanent oath to the Society of African Missions (SMA) in 1999 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2000. Throughout his ministry, Fr. Amegashie served faithfully as an SMA missionary priest abroad, including in Argentina, Rome, Nigeria and here in Montreal with the English-speaking Catholic community. He returned to his native Togo in 2017 where he served until his untimely passing on Labour Day.

In 2006, Fr. Amegashie arrived in Montreal, and provided summer replacement ministry at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish in Beaconsfield. That same year, he went on to join the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team at Concordia University and was appointed chaplain at the Loyola Chapel Community where he served until 2009. During that time, he also studied spiritual accompaniment at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal.

Fr. Amegashie was a true "citizen of the world" embracing differences, and letting God use him to bring awareness and change everywhere he went. He spent the last six years of his ministry in his native Togo where he used his gifts to build both community and infrastructures at his parish and in the neighbouring school. He was instrumental in building the first women's lector ministry in the Diocese of Lomé.

In November of 2023, Father Paul embraced a new mission in Kovié, Togo, as rector of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows and pastor of a local parish, St. Boniface, in the Archdiocese of Lomé. He worked tirelessly to create prayer spaces, seating and water fountains for visiting pilgrims.

While in Montreal, Fr. Amegashie made many friends whom he called his brothers and sisters, often returning to visit the place that had captured his heart with its welcome and acceptance.

"You just need to love people," he was fond of saying. He embraced difficult missions as a sign of God's love, and often did without so he could give to others.

_May you rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

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