

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

## Fr. Joseph Patrick Sullivan

who was called home to the Father Monday morning, December 11, 2023 at Montreal's St. Mary's Hospital, following a brief illness. He was 83.

A native son of St. Anthony of Padua in Little Burgundy, **Fr. Joseph (Joe) Sullivan** served a varied and rich ministry that spanned more than five decades.

Ordained May 13, 1967, he began his priestly ministry that spring at his home parish of St. Anthony and that summer as chaplain at Trail's End Camp. In the years that followed, he served as assistant at St. Monica, Annunciation, St. Malachy and St. Edmund of Canterbury parishes, during which he also served as chaplain at Marymount, St. Pius X and Pierrefonds Comprehensive secondary schools.

In 1977, he began a seven-year mandate as pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord, during which he also served for two years as part-time chaplain at the Royal Victoria Hospital. He was engaged in full-time hospital chaplaincy work from 1985 to '88, first at the Royal Victoria, then at the Montreal Children's. In 1988, he was appointed pastor of St. John Brébeuf and in 1994, he was named parochial administrator to the east-end communities of St. Aloysius and St. Philip Neri, serving until 2008. He returned to Transfiguration as administrator until 2010 before retiring, after which he was available for occasional ministry.

While in the east-end, Fr. Sullivan also took on a new ministry at Canada's highest security prison facility located in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, Quebec, from 1995 to 2005, where he ministered specifically to prisoners housed in the Special Handling Unit.

We extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to Fr. Sullivan's family, close friends and his brother priests, and all those who were touched by his ministry.

## Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

We will provide more details on funeral arrangements once they are available.

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