

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**FATHER JAMES WILLIAM MCDONALD**



January 22, 1933 -April 24, 2019

**Priest-in-charge at St. Edward the Confessor Mission 1992-until 2001**

Father Jim was born in Toronto and moved to Montreal with his family in 1933 where he lived until the age of 86. He was ordained as a priest on June 1, 1958. He served as curate at St Gabriel, St Veronica, St. Willibrord and St. Malachy parishes. In 1970, he was named pastor of St. Aloysius in east-end Montreal, and in this time, served as priest-in-charge of St. Philip Neri Mission. He then served as pastor of St. Thomas à Becket from 1980 to 1992, was named priest-in-charge at St. Edward the Confessor Mission until 2001, It was under his guidance that we began the youth Passion Plays that have been an annual event for 27 years at St. Edward's He was appointed parochial administrator of St. Gabriel's in 2001, from which he retired in 2017. He served as a chaplain at the Fr. Dowd Home, and had been chaplain at several high schools and universities. Fr. Jim's longstanding ministry included his avid involvement in social justice. He is well-remembered for his role in providing sanctuary in St. Gabriel's rectory for a refugee from Algeria.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Teresa and Charles, brother John, sister Mary, and nephew Kevin. He leaves behind his sisters Aileen Kilbertus and Teresa Begin, sister-in-law Denyse Ethier McDonald, and dear family friend Marjorie Smith. He will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews: Ann (Michael), Frances (Vincent), Michael (Nataly), Paul, Philip (Sherri), Jimmy, Joanne (Steve), and Anne Marie (Patrick); and great-nieces and nephews: Lara, Luka, Noémi, Tristan, William, Olivier, Raphaël, Alicia, and Mathis. Father Jim was a kind and loving man whose daily actions reflected his deep devotion to God and to serving humanity.

*"I commend you, my dear friend Jim, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator.*

*May you rest in the arms of the Lord who formed you from the dust of the earth.*

*May holy Mary, the angels and all the saints welcome you now that you have gone forth from this life.*

*May Christ who was crucified for you, bring you freedom and peace.*

*May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise.*

*May Christ, the true Shepherd, embrace you as one of his flock.*

*May he forgive all your sins, and set you among those he has chosen.*

*May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God, forever."*

*Ann Marie*