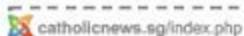


Remembrance - Father Gerald Joyce



FATHER GERALD JOYCE died of old age in a nursing home in Melbourne. He spent many years in Singapore but returned to Australia in 1987 and spent his last years in Kew, Melbourne. Father Joyce was born in Warnambol, Victoria, Australia in 1915. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 1935 and was ordained a priest in 1940.

He came to Singapore, then a British colony in 1946. At that time, the Redemptorists were temporarily residing at what is now the Europa club. Three years later, the Redemptorists moved into their present residence at 300 Thomson Road.

During his years in Singapore, Father Joyce laboured tirelessly and zealously, conducting parish and school missions and the Novena devotions, besides being spiritual director of the Legion of Mary. From his base in Singapore, he moved around this region to conduct parish missions in Malaya, Burma, Sri Lanka and India.

He was rector of the Novena Church from 1951 to 1957. During his two terms as rector he extended the Novena Church and added the choir loft. In 1957, he returned to Australia and was appointed Rector of the Redemptorist Studentate House in Ballarat. In 1962, he was appointed Provincial of the Australian Province, a post he held for three consecutive terms.

He returned to Singapore in 1973 and resumed his pastoral care of the people here with characteristic zeal and love. In 1987, he returned to Australia and spent his last years in Kew, Melbourne.

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