

Fr Charles Joseph “Bud” Goakery, C.Ss.R. - June 11, 1931 - August 19, 2020

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News

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists in Canada, regrets to announce the passing of their brother, Father Charles J. “Bud” Goakery, C.Ss.R., on August 19, 2020, at Victoria Hospital in London ON. “Father Charlie,” the eldest son of Charles and Genevieve Goakery, was born in Saint John, NB on June 11, 1931. He is predeceased by his late parents and two younger brothers, Robert and Bernard, and survived by his younger sister, Suzanne (“Suzie”) Verreau of Edmonton, his late brothers’ children, several cousins and a host of good friends and loving parishioners across Canada.



Fr. Charles Goakery, C.Ss.R.

Born: Jun 11, 1931
Professed: Aug 1, 1984
Ordained: Sept 17, 1988
Died: Aug 19, 2020



Fr. Charlie's painting entitled "Winter Scene On The Nerepis River painted November 2011.

Father Charlie's path to priesthood was not a typical one. At fifty, he was still at home caring for his aging parents and working as a bricklayer and stone mason. Only in 1982, after his father's death, did he begin his Theological Studies. In 1984 he formally entered the Redemptorists and, on September 17, 1988, he was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Church in Saint John NB. In the following years, he served in St. Teresa's Parish (St. John's NL), St. Peter's Parish (Saint John NB), St. Lawrence's Parish (St Lawrence NL) and several other outport parishes throughout Newfoundland. When he retired from active ministry, he moved to London ON to work and live at St. Patrick's Parish with fellow Redemptorist, Father David Furlonger. As his medical and physical needs became more burdensome, he moved to Queens Village where he lived happily until his admission to Victoria Hospital where he died on August 19.

As a result of the present pandemic, there will be no visitation, but a funeral mass will be celebrated for Father Charlie at St. Patrick's Church in London on Monday, August 31 at 11:00 a.m. His remains will then be taken to Toronto for a service with his brother Redemptorists and, from there, to Alberta for a final service and burial in the Redemptorist plot in Edmonton.



Fr. Charlie's painting entitled "Coming Home (Birds On The Wings)"

Father Charlie was highly-principled, intelligent and hardworking: an accomplished musician, talented artist and gifted preacher sought out by the laity and priests for his down-to-earth advice and gentle wisdom. His jokes, stories and impish grin will be remembered and missed by all who knew him. May God grant him eternal rest.

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