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Please remember Fr. Michael Mercier, C.Ss.R. of the Region of Ste. Anne de Beaupre (Canada) in your prayers.

Father Michel Mercier, C.S.R., was born on March 12, 1954, in Château-Richer, to Jean-Paul Mercier and Germaine Leclerc.

He entered the novitiate in 1977 with the Redemptorists of St. Anne de Beaupre and pronounced his temporary vows on August 19, 1978, followed by his final vows in 1981.

Father Mercier did his Humanities at the Séminaire St-Alphonse from 1967 to 1971. Then, from 1971 to 1977, he completed his studies in philosophy at the St-Augustin Seminary (1971-1973) then in theology at Laval University (1973-1977).

Michel Mercier was ordained to the priesthood on June 26, 1983, at St-Alphonse d'Youville Church in Montreal by Bishop Jean-Claude Turcotte. From 1985 to 1988, a formation in theology and psychology at St-Paul University completes his academic background.

Father Mercier began his priestly ministry as vicar at St-Alphonse parish in Montreal (1983-1985) before joining the Redemptorist missionary team in Uruguay with whom he worked in the mission until 1987.

Following his return to Canada, Father Mercier spent 10 years at the Aylmer Monastery where he combined his studies with ministry assistance. Then, in 1998, a new missionary call led him to Big

Cove, New Brunswick, where he zealously devoted himself, with his Redemptorist confreres, to the mission among First Nations people. In 2011, Father Michel Mercier continued his apostolate as

ministerial assistant and chaplain to the parishioners and hospitalized patients of the Pastoral Unit Marie-Étoile-de-la-Mer in Saint-Louis-de-Kent, New Brunswick.

In the fall of 2020, his declining health forced him to cease all ministry activities. He was hospitalized at Ste. Anne's Hospital in Sainte-Anne-de-Kent and died there shortly after.

The funeral of Father Michel Mercier will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. AST (Atlantic time) at St-Louis-des-Français Church in Saint-Louis-de-Kent. Father Michel Mercier

will be buried in the Saint-Louis-de-Kent parish cemetery.

Father Mercier was preceded in his departure by his father, Mr. Jean-Paul Mercier, who passed away a few months ago. In addition to his Redemptorist family, Father Michel Mercier leaves behind his

brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Jean (Noëlla Asselin), Lyne (Yvan Dupont), Thérèse (Daniel Sanschagrín), Pierre (Aurélié Nedey); his nephews and nieces: Stéphane Sanschagrín

(Anne-Sophie Grenon), Nicolas Dupont (Meggíe Lamontagne), Dominic Dupont (Hélène Lessard), Julie Sanschagrín (François Goulet), Olivier and Gabrielle Mercier (their mother Caroline Allaire); her aunts Pauline and Colette Leclerc, Jeannine Therrien and her uncle Guy Mercier; several cousins, other relatives and friends. Without forgetting the First Nations communities with whom he devotedly fulfilled the role of pastor until his departure to the Father.