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Announcement of the Death of Fr. Dermot (Dermie) O'Connor C.Ss.R.

Fr. Dermie O'Connor C.Ss.R., born on 19th May 1933 professed on 16th October 1952 ordained on 21st September 1958 Died on 15th August 2021, in St. Patrick's Monastery, Esker, Co. Galway At the time of his death, he was assigned to St. Patrick's Monastery, Esker.

Fr. Dermot (Dermie) O'Connor Biography

Fr. Dermot (Dermie) O'Connor was born in Limerick on 19 May 1933. Following his secondary education at the Crescent College, Limerick, he entered our novitiate in Esker in September 1951, taking his vows as a Redemptorist on 16 October 1952. Thereafter he joined the student body in Cluain Mhuire, Galway where he was ordained on 21 September 1958.

Following the conclusion of the Pastoral Year in 1960 he was assigned to the parish mission team. In 1961, he was appointed to the new mission in Brazil and spent some years in Pedro Afonso in central Brazil. He subsequently moved to the new foundation in Fortaleza. On the opening of a secondary school in Fortaleza, he was appointed as a teacher there. He taught English, religion and music as well as training the school under 15s football team. Towards the end of the 1970s he was appointed director of the school, a post he held until his return to Ireland in 1987 where he was appointed to Mount St. Alphonsus in Limerick.

In 1993 he became Director of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, a post he held until 1999 before moving to Esker where he was appointed to the Retreat House. He had a special love for sport and music, and he used these to spread the Good News. Dermie had a whimsical sense of humour which endeared him to people and of course he loved singing and playing the piano.

May he rest in peace.

FR. DAN BARAGRY C.Ss. R Provincial Superior.

Dated: 18th August 2021

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