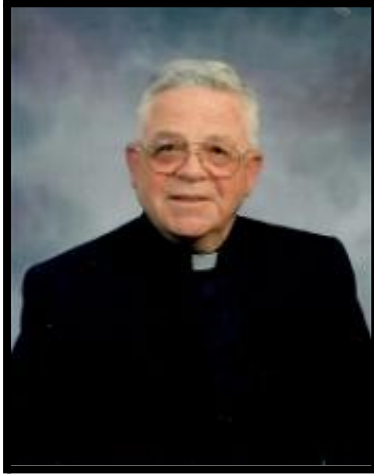




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In memory

of

Fr. Christopher J. Bennett

January 10, 1926 - May 3, 2023

Charter Member Council 9352 - First Chaplain 1986

Father Bennett was the son of the late William Augustine Bennett and Anne Marie Evelyn Uttenweiler and brother to Noreen (sister of St. Joseph), William, Evelyn, Colin, Joseph, Augustine and John (all Deceased) and many Nieces and Nephews. Father was born and raised in Toronto. He excelled in Academics and in Athletics at De La Salle College. He was named Colonel in the Army Cadets, and Sergeant in the Canadian Officers Training Corp.

He attended St. Michael's College and then St. Augustine's Seminary, Father was ordained on June 1, 1951. From 1958 – 1960 he was associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist. Father was appointed Pastor to several parishes, within the GTA and beyond. In 1960, while assigned to Our Lady of Peace, Etobicoke, his duties included teaching at Lakeshore Teachers College for six years.

In 1967 Father Bennett was asked to establish a new Parish, which included the building of a new Church in Mississauga to be known as Saints Martha and Mary. In 1979, he was appointed to serve the sick at Queensway Hospital.

Father Bennett was appointed Pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Alliston in September, 1981. St. Paul's Parish then included Immaculate Conception in North Adjala and St. Mary's in Achil. Father worked diligently with the parishioners and lead the building Committee in design and construction of the new St. Paul's Church and Parish Centre which opened in 1992.

On September 30, 1994, Fr. Bennett officially retired as Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. Since then, he voluntarily remained very active within the Parish and was a pillar of faith for our community. His dedication to our Parish and school communities was



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witness in his ongoing presence in the Liturgy.

Many Thanks to the caring and personable Staff at Simcoe Manor for their years of service to Father.

Fr Bennett was a man of character and sense of duty, who was a faithful servant to God and his flock on earth. He was a faithful Knight for over 35 years and member of the 4th degree Fr. Tom Mohan Assembly.

Fr Bennett

It seemed fitting that he died in the week following Good Shepherd Sunday.

Funeral Mass will be May 9th at 11:00 am, followed by burial at St Paul's Cemetery in Alliston.



To view live stream of service use link below:

https://youtube.com/live/3-UmUaBJ6_U?feature=share

May he rest in eternal peace



Submitted by Nigel Richards, Faithful Navigator An honour guard from the Father Tom Mohan Assembly in Alliston with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The special celebration of Holy Mass marked the 25th anniversary of the opening of the new St. Paul The Apostle Church in Alliston in 1992.