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CHANCERY NOTICE

OBITUARY

Fr Antoni Ponnudurai, SJ of the Kingsmead Jesuit community in Singapore has passed away. He had been admitted to hospital after a heart attack on 17 September 2015 and returned to the Lord in the early morning of 23 September 2015. He was 83.

Fr Ponnudurai was born on 22 March 1932 as the eldest of five children. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in Madurai, India at the age of 19 and was ordained a priest on 19 March 1964. He professed his final vows as a Jesuit six years later. Fr Ponnudurai served in Mauritius until 1978, when he was sent to serve the Tamil-speaking communities in Malaysia. After ten years as the parish priest of the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Kuala Lumpur, Fr Ponnudurai was sent to Singapore to minister to the Church of St Ignatius and the apostolate of Tamil-speaking Catholics in Singapore.

In 1990, Fr Ponnudurai was transcribed from Madurai Province where he had received his formation and ordination, to Macau-Hong Kong Province as a member of the Dependent Region of Malaysia-Singapore. He also served in a number of Jesuit offices, including being a member of the Consult of the Malaysia-Singapore Region, Regional Treasurer, and the Socius to the regional Novice Master.

From 1992 to 1998, Fr Ponnudurai held office as the Regional Superior of the Malaysia-Singapore Region, after which he continued as a Consultor of the Regional Superior and as Local Superior of the Kingsmead Jesuit community. Despite his failing health in recent years, Fr Ponnudurai continued to exercise his priestly ministry in Singapore and Malaysia, making regular trips to serve in parishes and as a team member of the Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling (CISC) in Singapore.

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Fr Ponnudurai's wake will be held at St Ignatius Hall beginning 23 September 2015. Mass will also be held in the Hall at 8.00pm nightly.

Schedule of Presiders (8.00pm Mass)

23 September 2015 (Wed) – Fr Christopher Soh SJ

24 September 2015 (Thu) – Mgr Philip Heng SJ

25 September 2015 (Fri) – Fr Fabian Dicom (Nephew of Fr Ponnudurai)

Archbishop William Goh will preside and preach at the Funeral Mass. This will be held at 1.30pm on 26 September 2015, Saturday, at the Church of St Ignatius, Singapore. Cremation will follow at Mandai Crematorium.

We invite you to pray for him in your masses and prayers.



Fr. John-Paul Tan OFM, JCL
Chancellor

