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CHANCERY NOTICE

OBITUARY

Bro. Bernard Michael Heaney, C.Ss.R. of the Redemptorists in Singapore passed away on 8 February 2017. He was 89.

Bro. Bernard was born in England on 11 December 1927. As a young boy he was sent to Australia from his home in London, to escape World War II in Europe. During his time at his boarding school in Perth, Bro. Bernard encountered the Redemptorists just once, when they asked for volunteers to help look after some guests. He found them to be a “happy and committed people, filled with love and kindness”. After some years reflecting on his calling and inspired by St. Gerard Majella, who was a Redemptorist brother, Bro. Bernard joined the Redemptorists at age 18.

Bro. Bernard made his First Profession on 2 July 1947. After his Final Profession on 2 July 1953, he was posted to Singapore to be part of the Redemptorist community at Thomson Road. In 1960, he was sent to Ipoh, Malaysia, where he lived and worked for 2 years. Bro. Bernard was well known for his tireless work at Novena Church. He was actively involved with “The Primitives” youth group— young people who came to help clean the church on Saturday evenings after the Novena sessions. From this group emerged the “Sowers”, who went out every Sunday to bring love and good cheer to the people in various homes and hospitals. Bro. Bernard also helped to guide the Agape Group at Novena— volunteers who would help decorate and clean the church every Saturday.

In 2007, Bro. Bernard celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession. He returned to England for a short while but returned to Singapore to spend his retirement years. He will be dearly missed.

Bro. Bernard’s wake is currently being held in the Church of St Stephen, 30 Sallim Rd. Prayers will be held at 8.00pm nightly.

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Details of Funeral

Date: 13 February 2017 (Mon)

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Church of St Stephen, 30 Sallim Rd, S(387639)

Cremation will follow after at Mandai Crematorium Hall 4, at 11.45am.

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