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CHANCERY NOTICE

OBITUARY

Brother Emmanuel @ Pierre Paul Gaudette of the Gabrielite Brothers in Singapore passed away on 31 August 2017, two months short of his 84th birthday. Brother Emmanuel had suffered from various health conditions for months.

Born on 28 October 1933 in Montreal, Canada, Brother Emmanuel came from a family of 10 children and was educated by the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Canada. When the family lost their mother at a young age, his father dedicated all his children including the young Pierre Paul, to Our Lady.

A jovial and inspiring role-model for many, Brother Emmanuel came to Singapore in 1954 and began his teaching career at Montfort School, then called Holy Innocents' English School. He was also Principal of Boys' Town English School (later known as Assumption English School) in 1960, 1963 - 1966, St Gabriel's School (1960 - 1963, 1969 - 1974) and Director of Boys' Town for more than 30 years.

Brother Emmanuel became a Singapore citizen when Singapore gained independence and dedicated himself to his adopted country. The Singapore government recognized his contributions to the nation by awarding him the Public Service Star in 1995, in appreciation of his commitment to the youth of Singapore, and the Public Service Star (Bar) in 2006. Brother Emmanuel also served as a Justice of Peace, Chairman of the Catholic Welfare Services and as Supervisor of Schools of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel.

During his 63 years in Singapore, Brother Emmanuel touched the lives of countless people. To the young people, as their teacher, principal and director, he was a true mentor, guide and encourager. To the Brothers of St. Gabriel, Brother Emmanuel was Provincial Superior for some 12 years. He was a leader who was ever attentive to their needs and actively animated the communities under his charge. As a Justice of Peace, Brother Emmanuel visited many in prison as a member of the Board of Visitors and solemnized many marriages. In his civil ministry, he always brought the message of peace and love to all people regardless of their faith and race.

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Brother Emmanuel was also active in parish ministry in Singapore. His entertaining and inspiring talks to numerous church groups week after week brought many to the Church and *back* to the Church. He also ministered to many in his active involvement with the Charismatic movement in Singapore.

Brother Emmanuel promised God that he would not stop serving and living his praise, actively serving the neediest in the Church and society. This he did with much passion until the end of his life. 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your master.' (Matthew 25:23)

He will be fondly remembered.

Details of Funeral

Date: 4 September 2017 (Monday)

Time: 10.30am

Venue: St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)
620 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore 678116

Cremation will follow after at Mandai Crematorium (Hall 4), at 12.30pm.

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