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CHANCERY NOTICE

OBITUARY

Fr Joseph Jeannequin, MEP of the Paris Foreign Missions in Singapore passed away on 24 December 2019. He was 93.

Born Joseph Pierre Gerard Jeannequin on the 2nd of July, 1926, Fr Jeannequin entered Collège St Joseph in Epinal, France from 1941-1945. He then entered the MEP seminary in Paris, France for his formation years from 1945-1952.

Fr Jeannequin, received his sacerdotal ordination on the 22nd of December, 1951.

After his ordination, he spent a year at the MEP seminary in France before he left for his overseas mission. His first posting was as Assistant Parish Priest of St Peter's Cathedral in Patheingyi, Myanmar from 1953-1955. He also learned Burmese while he was serving in Patheingyi. He then served as Assistant Parish Priest before becoming Parish Priest later on at St Theresa's Parish in Pyaw Bye, Myanmar from 1955-1956. In 1956, he taught Latin and was appointed the Spiritual Director at the Minor Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar up until 1962. He returned to the Chinese parish of St Theresa's and acted as the Parish Priest there up until 1966, when the government expelled missionaries from Myanmar.

His next mission was to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to the Parish of Sacre Coeur, where he spent his time serving the parish as Assistant Parish Priest and learning Teochew at the Teo Chew Parish from 1968-1969. He then travelled to Hsinchu, Taiwan where he studied Mandarin for two years at the Chabanel Language Institute there from 1969-1970 and after that, assisting as Parish Priest for one year in 1971 in a local parish in Hsinchu while waiting for his Singapore Visa.

He first arrived in Singapore in May 1972, and he served as Assistant Parish Priest at the Church of the Risen Christ until 1974. He then moved to the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where he served as Assistant Parish Priest for 28 years from 1974-2002. In his time there, he helped set up the Rite of Christian Initiation (Adults) (RCIA) at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1988 as well as celebrating Mass

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in Mandarin on both weekdays and weekends. He also celebrated Mass in Burmese once a month in the St Anthony Canossian school chapel in Bedok.

In 2002, he moved to the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where he served as Assistant Parish Priest. He also served as the Spiritual Director of the Serangoon Curia of the Legion of Mary Singapore Senatus. In 2015, he moved to the Bethany Home for retired clergy on account of ill health. In 2018, he transferred to the newly-built Bethany East Clergy Residence, where he was called home to the Lord.

Fr Joseph is currently lying in repose in Bethany East Chapel. His wake will be held on 26th December 2019, in the Parish Hall of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. His Funeral Mass will be held on the 27th December 2019, at 2pm.

Details of Funeral

Date: 27th December 2019

Time: 2pm

Venue: Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
31 Siglap Hill, Singapore 456085

Cremation will follow after at Mandai Crematorium, at 4.30pm.

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