

IN MEMORIAL

FR. GEORGE FRANCIS FOLEY SSCC (1937-2014)

IRELAND-ENGLAND PROVINCE



Fr. George F. Foley was called home to the Lord on Saturday 19th July 2014 at The Mater Hospital, Dublin aged 76.



George was born on 4th December 1937 to Patrick Foley and Kathleen Nagle of Couleen, Clounalour, Oakpark, Tralee, Co Kerry. He was educated by the Cistercians in Mount Melleray, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. After entering the Novitiate of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Cootehill, Co Cavan, George made his first Profession on 15th August 1957. Following Ordination on 23rd June 1963, he was assigned to teach at Glendora, California, USA. In June 1965 he was appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Church, La Verne, San Dimas. In June 1968 he was appointed Chaplain of the California Youth Authority Center, Norwalk, USA. From 1973 he was resident at Damien Residence, La Verne, California before joining the Ireland-England Province in 1975.

From 1975 until 1980 George was curate at St. Augustine's Church, Daventry, Northamptonshire, England. After this he was appointed curate in the parish of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, England until 1986. From 1986 -1995 George was Chaplain in Cabinteely Community School. In 1994 George was diagnosed with leukaemia which eventually resulted in his semi-retirement, though he was able to help out in the local parish of Tralee, County Kerry. In his later years George lived in Coudrin House, 27 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh, Dublin.

Fr. George Foley, among many other things, will be remembered as being someone who had a great love for life and a wonderful sense of humour. These gifts were used both in community and in mission. In his later years he did not let his long standing illness overshadow his love for life.

He will be deeply missed by his own family, his religious family and his many friends.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis"