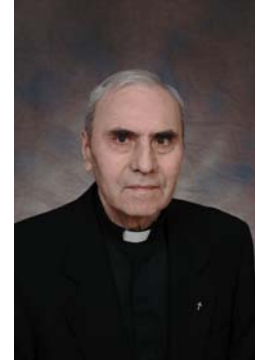


Fr. Joseph Fülöp, S.J.

1932-2010

Joseph Fülöp was born in Szombathely, Hungary, on June 23rd, 1932. His elementary and high school studies were finished in his hometown, but thinking already of priestly vocation, he enrolled in the Norbertine High School of St. Norbert. In 1948 the school was taken over by the State and it was renamed, so Joe graduated in the High School of Nagy Lajos, in 1950. After his graduation he began his studies at the Sopron University in 1951, where he earned his geophysical engineering diploma in 1956.



In December of 1956, after the revolution he left the country and with a branch of the University of Sopron arrived in Toronto. The Sopron Branch, with the help of the Canadian Mining Association and the University of Toronto, completed an English language course and he returned to school. In 1964, he was awarded the B.A.Sc. degree in geological engineering by the Faculty of Mining Engineering, University of Toronto. During the following year he was employed by the Gulf Oil Company in Calgary. In 1965-1967, he obtained a M.A.Sc degree (Soil Mechanics Option) at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Waterloo. Between 1967 and 1971 he worked as a project geophysicist for Hunttec Limited and Kenting Limited. From 1971 to 1979 he was an independent geophysical consultant conducting surveys in Canada and overseas.

In January 25th, 1979 he entered the Hungarian Jesuit noviciate in Toronto, and after two years he made his first religious vows. He completed the necessary philosophical studies at the Fordham University, New York; (then) his theological studies took place in Regis College, Toronto, completing it in 1983 with an M.Div. degree. He was ordained priest at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Toronto on November 19th, 1983 by Bishop Aloysius Ambrozic, auxiliary of Toronto. He also obtained the M.Theol. degree at Regis College in 1984. In 1984-85 he spent a year of pastoral work in Montreal, at the Hungarian Church of Our Lady of Hungary. In 1985 he was appointed Pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Church in Hamilton, where he spent 15 years taking care of the Hungarian congregation. On November 21st, 2000 he suddenly was struck with inflammation of the brain-cortex through viruses, as well as a perforated stomach-ulcer and embolism. After three months of intensive hospital treatment he gradually got better, and moved to the Hungarian parish in Toronto, where unfortunately he was not able to do much pastoral work because of his limited speech. When his illness became more serious, he moved to St. Elizabeth Home in Hamilton, but he had to be hospitalized occasionally. Finally, he died in the Home on August 15th, 2010, in his 78th year of his life, 31st as a Jesuit, and 27th year as priest.

Visitation and Funeral Information: Visitation will be held at St. Stephen of Hungary Roman Catholic Church (130 Barton St E at Mary, Hamilton) on Tuesday August 24, 2010 from 7-9 p.m. Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday August 25, 2010 at 11 a.m. Another Memorial Mass will be celebrated in Toronto at St. Elizabeth of Hungary (432 Sheppard Ave. E.) on Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass with the urn present will be offered at 11 a.m. on Sept. 3, 2010 in the chapel of St. Elizabeth Villa, 393 Rymal Rd. W. Interment follows at 3:00 p.m. in the cemetery of St. Ladislaus Church in Courtland.