

Fr. Joseph George Coppens, SCJ 1920-2015

Fr. Joseph George Coppens, SCJ, a member of the Canadian Region, died on Saturday, February 14, surrounded by members of his SCJ community. He was 94, in the 72nd year of his religious profession, and the 67th year of priesthood.

Fr. George came to Canada in 1949 from his native Holland and spent several years ministering to Catholic immigrants from the Netherlands. He assisted them with housing and employment, he organized social activities for families, hosted evenings for youth, and was committed to keeping them connected to the church and their faith heritage.

He also served for many years as a teacher and prefect at the community's school in Delaware Ontario. Fr. George assisted in parishes in the dioceses of London, Toronto and St. Catherine's. He served as pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish in Toronto, Sacred Heart parish in Delaware, and Sacred Heart parish in Uxbridge.

He was appointed treasurer of the Anglo-Canadian Province and until his death, was the local treasurer of the Toronto community.



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