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## Home and Away

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# Fr Patrick O'Donoghue CSSp, 1924-2016

Fr Paddy died peacefully in the early morning of July 22, 2016 in the Canterbury Court retirement home, Edmonton. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in Cork, Ireland, he made his first profession as a Spiritan in 1944, and was ordained a priest in 1953. He had spent three years as a seminarian in Trinidad and during his more than sixty years as a priest he served in a variety of educational and pastoral ministries in Nigeria, Malawi and Canada.

He spent eleven years in Nigeria as a school principal and later as pastor of two parishes and their outlying missions.

Appointed to Canada in 1965, he missioned in Edmonton and Vulcan, Alberta. From there he returned to Njale, Malawi as part of the Calgary Diocese Mission Project. At his funeral Mass, Fr Francis Folleh, Provincial Superior of the TransCanada Spiritan Province, said of Fr Paddy: "He took to heart the words of



the Spiritan hymn: 'Go ye afar, go teach all nations. Bear witness unto me On earth in every clime.'

Returning to Alberta in 1978, Fr Paddy served faithfully in a number of parishes including Beiseker, Calgary and Rockyford.

He retired to a Spiritan residence in Edmonton in 1995 and later to Canterbury Court retirement home. He lived out his last years in prayer, community life and in his newfound love of the computer and internet research. He read daily papers from around the world, always keeping up with the news from Ireland.

Fr Paddy will be remembered for his thoughtfulness and his readiness to help anyone in need. And so, to quote from

Fr Francis at the funeral Mass: "Today is not like Fr Paddy accepting to go on a mission. Today we hope and pray that he goes to the Father through the Risen Christ."

He will be missed by his Spiritan conferees, his extended family and friends. May he rest in peace. ■

## Used Stamps



Remember when parishes used to collect used postage stamps for the missions? Well, we still do. The stamps are sold to a stamp club and the money raised is used to support missionary work. Stamps from any country and in any number will be most welcome. Stamps from countries other than Canada and the US are of the greatest value.

Please send stamps to:  
**Spiritans**, 34 Collingsgrove Road  
Scarborough, Ontario, M1E 3S4

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On page 19 of the Spring 2016 issue of *Spiritans*, in the article "Spiritans Spirit Alive and Well at Francis Libermann Catholic High School" by Angela Galka, an omission was made. The one hundred participants who worked on the 8' x 4' painting were students and their families and staff from Francis Libermann C.H.S. and from fourteen elementary schools. Of the hundred painters, eight were principal artists from Francis Libermann C.H.S. who painted the faces and clothes of the Holy Family, while professional artist Nina DiCarlo added the finishing touches. We are pleased to recognize these artists.