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Sister Margaret Anne Laffey, 1943–2013

Lay Spiritan Associate 1977–1990

The Spiritans knew her as Margaret — an active and valued Lay Spiritan from 1977-1990. Then, rather late in life, after years in Public Service, she entered Religious Life. As a Sister of the Good Shepherd, she continued her work in Social Service and Justice and Peace causes: Executive Director of Rose of Sharon Services for young mothers and of Rosalie Hall, working in pastoral care and prison ministry in Vancouver and then for three years in Winnipeg with Youth at Risk. Returning to Toronto in 2008 due to health issues, Margaret continued her work with the Good Shepherd Sisters as a Communications Coordinator. Margaret was an only child, yet her relationship with her



best friend Mary Killackey was that of sisters. They spent 43 years supporting each other through education, health issues, marriages, births and deaths.

Wherever she went Sister Margaret Anne made lifelong friendships. She always brought out the best in those whose lives she touched. Her vivacious sense of humour, her gentle soul and big hugs were legendary and will always be remembered. She never missed an opportunity to tell those in her life how special they were to her. Margaret was a rare gift from God. We will miss her greatly and never forget her.

Adapted from Good Shepherd Sisters Death Notice, Toronto Star

Anniversaries of Ordination

25 years a Priest



Paul McAuley

40 years a Priest



Fernando Pinto

50 years a Priest



Pat Fitzpatrick

TransCanada Province downsizes

The Winter 2013 edition of *Spiritans* drew attention to the change of address, after seventeen years, of Laval House from 121 Victoria Park Avenue to 15 Truman Road in Toronto. A second change of address will take place on October 1, 2013: the Provincial Offices will move to **34 Collingsgrove Road, Scarborough, M1E 3S4** (off Kingston Road east of Lawrence Avenue).



Father Michal Jurkowski

Congratulations to Fr Michal on becoming a Canadian citizen.

Born in Poland, he joined the Spiritans there and as a seminarian worked for some time in England among the homeless and those coping with drug addictions. Ordained a priest on June 12, 2004, he was appointed to the TransCanada Spiritan Province and on August 5, 2005 he became Associate Pastor in St Joseph's Parish, Highland Creek on the eastern boundary of Scarborough. On August 21, 2012 he was appointed Pastor of St Joseph's where he has overseen the recent changes to the parish offices and rectory.