

***Expression of Condolence for
James Reposkey by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend James Reposkey on April 9, 2024, at the age of 77.

Father Jim was born on July 16, 1946, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the youngest of two sons to Louis Reposkey and Julia Reposkey (nee Calabrese). He attended St. Francis Minor Seminary in Greensburg for his philosophical studies and later pursued theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York.

Following his ordination on May 4, 1974, Father Jim served as an Associate Pastor at St. Roch's Church, Toronto, and later became its Pastor. In 1992, he was assigned to St. Alphonsus Church, Toronto, where he served as Pastor. His final assignment as Pastor in 2016, was at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Father Jim was known for his compassionate heart and inability to refuse anyone in need. He served as a spiritual advisor for the Catholic Women's League in the Central Toronto Region for many years, held memberships in the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Council 1388. He took immense pride in wearing the religious habit and missionary cross.

Father Jim spent a lifetime of service supporting newcomers to Toronto and Canada. These newcomers came from all communities, but especially the Filipino and Italian communities. He ensured that these newcomers were supported, not just spiritually, but also through housing, finances, education and employment. Father Jim was more than just a parish priest – he was a passionate community builder and leader for decades. His mark will be felt in our community, and in our hearts forever.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Father Jim's family and community.

April 17, 2024