



## ANDRÁS EÖRDÖGH SJ DIED IN CANADA AT THE AGE OF 92



“As I finished the Vigil Mass of the Resurrection, I received the news that András P. Eördögh had died peacefully tonight. In our Pickering nursing home, it is customary for the vigil mass to be held in two parts. P. Eördögh attended the Old Testament weekly reading section and then returned to his room. He had been weak for days, unable to eat. He couldn't eat now either, but he died peacefully, holding the nurse's hand. God rest his soul. With the power of the prayer for him, I write: Christ is risen! He is truly resurrected!” - the head of the parish of St. Elizabeth of Toronto, Tamás SJ, announced the death of his fellow police officer.

András Eördögh was born in 1929 in Szeged and graduated from the State School of Civil Engineering with a degree in masonry, carving and carpentry. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1948, and then in 1950, after the dissolution of the monastic orders, he moved to the Szeged Priestly Educational Institute. He was sent to Makkosmária for two years to help with the renovations of Father János SJ Tamás around the church, and then he became a technician and technical inspector performing engineering work at the technical department of the University of Agricultural Sciences.

After the revolution, in December 1956, he fled abroad, like several of his comrades. He first went to Ireland to study, was ordained a priest here in 1959, and then went to the United States for his third probation. Between 1961 and 1965 he was a chaplain in the Hungarian parish of St. Elizabeth in Toronto, and then in Courtland, also in Canada. He then enlisted in a mission to Alaska from 1967 and spent five years as a pastor in a North American state.

From 1972 he was chaplain again in the church of St. Elizabeth in Toronto, and from 1974 in Hamilton in the Hungarian Jesuit parish of St. Ladislaus. From 1983 to 1985, he led the Hungarian parish of St. Stephen in Courtland, then served as an auxiliary pastor in Vancouver and Montreal, and between 1987 and 1991, he led the Hungarian parish of St. Stephen in Chicago.

After almost three decades, he returned to Hungary in 1991. In the revived Hungarian rule, he first provided assistance in Szeged and Hódmezővásárhely, and then in Budapest the purchase of the building serving as the home of the Jesuit community on Sodrás Street and its conversion into a convent. In 1994 he became pastor of the St. Elizabeth Home in Pilisvörösvár, then from 2008 he lived again in Hamilton, Canada, serving as a pastor at the St. Elizabeth Home there. After his active years, he became a resident of the Pickering nursing home, where he died on Saturday night 2020. His mourning mass was held in a closed circle during the bright week due to quarantine, and his funeral will be arranged later.

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