

In Memory of Our Good Friend Fr. Raymond Leslie O'Toole, SFM

Staff of Holy Spirit Study Centre



Our old friend and colleague, Fr. Ray O'Toole, passed away on January 5, 2019 in Ontario, Canada. He was born in Alder Point, Canada on November 1, 1938. He joined the Scarborough Missions in 1957 and was ordained a priest in August 1963.

He started missionary work in Brazil in 1964 and came to Hong Kong to join the Holy Spirit Study Centre in 1988, with a special research interest in missionary history. In 1997 he was elected as a member of the General Council of the Scarborough Mission Society. After his 5-year term, he was appointed Assistant Secretary General of the Federation of Asian Bishops (FABC) and worked in Hong Kong until the last year of his life.

An accomplished Church historian, an article of his about the founder of the Scarborough missionaries, Fr. John Fraser, appeared posthumously in the Leuven Chinese Studies Series XXXIX, *Catholicism's Encounters with China, 17th to 20th Century*.