



The funeral arrangements have been finalized for Father Gerald T. Gregoire as reported by the Basilians.

Friends, relatives and confreres may call at St. Basil's Parish Church, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto on Monday, April 18th from 3 pm. A Vigil Service will be held at the Church on Monday night at 7 p.m. Father Gregoire's body will lie in state at St. Basil's Church until the concelebrating of the Mass of Christian Burial which will take place on Tuesday night at 7p.m. Interment on Wednesday, April 20th at 10 am in the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Ontario.

"Former St. Mary's College school Principal passes away."

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Father Gerald Gregoire on April 3, 2005. Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalized, but when they are available we will pass the information on.

Death Notices

GREGOIRE, Rev. Gerald T., C.S.B - Of St. Basil's Parish, Toronto, died suddenly while visiting Shanghai, China with a group of parishioners at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2005. At this time, funeral arrangements are incomplete. Further information will be made available at a later date. The Basilian Fathers of St. Basil's Parish extend their deepest sympathy to Father Gregoire's family.

Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel

Father Gregoire spent several years teaching at St. Mary's College in the late 1960's and 1970's. He served as principal from 1973-1975. He will be sadly missed by all students and staff of SMC who had the privilege of knowing him.

"God Bless you Father ... Our Prayers are with You"

In the 1973-74 Excalibur yearbook, Father Gregoire's message to the student's of SMC was very inspirational and is worth reading. Its main theme is to *"Never Give Up Against Life's Challenges ... But to Fight and to Fight When Hope's Out of Sight"*.

Here is our "PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE".



Rev. Gerald T. Gregoire, C.S.B.

Principal's Message

"It's easy to cry that you're beaten -
and die;
It's easy to crawfish and crawl;
But to fight and to fight when hope's
out of sight -
Why, that's the best game of them
all," Robert William Service, "The Quitter"

Robert Service in his poem "The Quitter", expresses a very important quality which we all need in our journey through life. Over the past years we have had good success at St. Mary's in academics and in athletics. Those who have achieved this success individually and collectively have found that it takes courage, perseverance and fight to fulfil one's hopes.

As Service says "It's easy to cry that you're beaten - and die; It's easy to crawfish and crawl;" The easiest thing in the world is to back down, and creep away from a challenge, from a responsibility, as is said "to lie down and die". It is difficult to prepare, and to keep in shape, to practise, to study hard, to get ready for various tests which take place all through life.

It is encouraging to see so many St. Mary's men trying hard to succeed. Knowing that success comes only with hard work, they keep busy in the classroom, at home and in extra-curricular activities. Those who give in to their propensity to surrender easily know the answer to their problem - good hard work.

We hope that the 1974 graduates of St. Mary's have learned this lesson for life. Their happiness and the happiness of those around them will depend on the courage, perseverance and fight by which they meet each challenge.

Those who are still at St. Mary's can make this an habitual state of mind, never to give up even against the greatest odds.

There is nothing more Christian than to take on all our responsibilities and to meet each challenge in a Christ-like manner and "to fight and to fight when hope's out of sight. "

Father Gerald Gregoire