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Fr. Peter Monty, SJ: Speaking in Silence

“**T**he real question in the Book of Job is not ‘Why am I suffering?’ but ‘Why is God so silent and seemingly so far away?’ When God sends his Son into the world, he doesn’t really answer these questions, but God doesn’t seem so far away. And he takes on our sufferings and helps others with their illnesses and sufferings.”

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we enter the quiet beauty of winter, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings that your generosity has brought to our Jesuit community this past year. Winter invites us to slow down, to listen more deeply, and to look for God's presence in the stillness — and in doing so, we see clearly how your support continues to bear fruit in countless ways.

Through your prayers and gifts, you make it possible for our Jesuits to accompany others on their journeys of faith. You help young Jesuits in their vocation to serve, and you sustain the elder Jesuits whose lives of prayer and ministry have touched so many hearts. From classrooms and chapels to retreat houses and communities at the margins, your kindness becomes light in the coldest of seasons.

This winter, we are especially mindful of the many ways our shared mission continues to grow. Jesuits across Canada are engaging in ministries of reconciliation and justice, walking with those who are vulnerable, and offering hope where it is most needed. Every conversation, every homily, every moment of spiritual guidance is rooted in a simple truth: Together, we make Christ's presence known in the world.

As we look toward a new year and the promise of new life it brings, know that you are remembered each day in prayer by the Jesuits. May this winter season be one of peace, quiet strength, and renewed hope for you and your loved ones.

With deepest gratitude,

Colleen Franks
Interim Director, Office of Advancement

Speaking in Silence (continued)



These words, shared by Fr. Peter Monty, SJ, with the Saint René Goupil Ottawa Catholic Deaf Community, capture the heart of his vocation. For more than five decades, he has sought not to explain suffering, but to stand beside those who often experience silence in a very real way: the Deaf.

Born in Tokyo in 1937, the son of a Canadian diplomat, Fr. Monty's early life was marked by movement: childhood years in Norway, where his family was interned during the Second World War, followed by time in Los Angeles and Athens. Eventually, he arrived in Montreal, where Loyola High School introduced him to the Jesuits. He entered their novitiate in 1958.

While studying philosophy in Spokane, Washington, he and fellow seminarians began practicing sign language and visiting Deaf people in their homes. It became a vocation. "I was attracted to the Ministry to the Deaf not because of my dexterity in sign language," he explains, "but because I felt their openness and hunger for communication and knowledge."

After ordination in 1968, Fr. Monty's ministry to the Deaf grew steadily: from Newfoundland to Toronto, from England to Washington, DC, where he studied at Gallaudet University. In

1971 he became Ontario Catholic Chaplain for the Deaf. The job meant covering up to 50,000 kilometers annually — visiting schools, hospitals, and prisons, and flying into remote Indigenous communities like Attawapiskat. Communication was not always easy: Some people had multiple disabilities, others were Deaf-Blind. "Our Jesuit vocation challenges us to reach out to the marginalized in our society," he says, while for him, the Deaf community was always at the heart of his ministry.

After 25 years in Ontario, Fr. Monty continued serving but in other roles, for example, as Canadian chaplain of the International Catholic Deaf Association. In 2015 he received the Fr. David Walsh Pastoral Worker of the Year Award from the National Catholic Office for the Deaf in the United States — recognition of decades of faithful service.

Now living at the Jesuit infirmary in Richelieu, Fr. Monty carries on his quiet ministry of prayer, bearing witness that God's compassion is most clearly expressed in presence rather than in speech.

To our benefactors, he offers thanks. Your generosity makes this quiet ministry possible: You, too, share the Gospel in gestures of compassion.

Have you remembered the Jesuits in your will?

By remembering the Jesuits in your will, you can help prepare young men to work in the vineyard of the Lord and sustain elderly Jesuits who have given their lives to Christ and the People of God.

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FR. JEAN TURGEON, SJ

MAY 8, 1936
– OCTOBER 7, 2025

Fr. Jean Turgeon, SJ, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025, at

Résidence Notre-Dame de Richelieu, where he had lived since 2017. He was 89 years old and had been a Jesuit for nearly seventy years.

Born in Montreal to a family of pharmacists, Fr. Turgeon entered the Society of Jesus in 1956 after studying at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf. Following his initial Jesuit formation, he pursued advanced studies in mathematics, earning his doctorate from the University of Toronto in 1968. His intellectual curiosity and disciplined mind led him to a lifelong vocation as both priest and mathematician — two callings he saw as profoundly united.

In 1969, he began teaching at the University of Montreal, where he served for decades with dedication. He was ordained a priest in 1971 and made his final vows in 1978. Throughout his teaching career, he saw education as a form of ministry, often reflecting on how faith and reason could meet in the pursuit of truth.

Fr. Turgeon inspired generations of students, not only through his mathematical insight but through his deep spiritual presence. He helped establish the annual Quebec mathematics competition for high school students and twice travelled to China to share his passion for teaching.

A man of simplicity and wisdom, Fr. Turgeon viewed his scientific work as a mission — a way to “speak the language” of those he served. He is fondly remembered by his students, colleagues, and friends for his kindness, intellect, and quiet faith.



FR. JOHN CHARLES GOVAN, SJ

MAY 14, 1945
– NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Fr. John C. Govan, SJ, passed away peacefully on

November 24, 2025, in Toronto, at the age of 80 and in his 62nd year as a Jesuit.

Born in Toronto, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1964 after studies at Loyola High School in Montreal and St. Michael’s College School. He completed philosophy at the University of Guelph — where he also played football for the Gryphons — then served his regency at Loyola High School. After theology at Regis College, he was ordained in 1975 and pursued further studies in philosophy in California.

Fr. Govan was an energetic, dynamic person and a great conversationalist. That vitality made the diagnosis of a brain tumour in 1976 especially difficult. Although surgery was successful, it left him with permanent physical challenges. With resilience and generosity, he embraced a new ministry as a retreat director in Guelph, which became the heart of his Jesuit life for more than four decades.

At Guelph, Fr. Govan was a cherished member of the retreat and spiritual ministries team. A gifted guide and thoughtful theologian, he helped shape the centre’s evolving focus, particularly in communal discernment, ecological responsibility, and retreats rooted in Contemplative Prayer. His talks and writings were widely shared, and he contributed faithfully to community governance.

Fr. Govan is remembered for his depth, resilience, and generous spirit.

IN MEMORIAM



SCHOLARSHIPS

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FOUNDER'S FUND COMPLETE

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Rev. Norman J. Dodge, SJ Memorial Scholarship	\$15,000.00
Rev. Michael J. Lapierre, SJ Memorial Scholarship #2	\$15,000.00
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PAST EVENTS



2025 St. Ignatius Day Mass

On July 31, 2025, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toronto. The day began with a beautiful Mass, followed by a joyful luncheon that brought the community together in fellowship, prayer and gratitude for the life and legacy of St. Ignatius.





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SCOTCH NOSING & DINNER

The 11th Annual Scotch Nosing, held on November 19, 2025, at Toronto's Albany Club, was a wonderful night of community, delicious food and exceptional Scotches. Our sold-out audience heard from our Scotch expert Ed Patrick, and our Master of Ceremony Hugo Straney was terrific. Thank you to Ruth Henneberry and William Blakeney for donating the Scotch. The proceeds from the event will go toward the care for our Jesuit priests and brothers in their senior years. Plans for the 2026 Scotch Nosing are underway; book early and don't miss this very popular event.



Holy Souls Appeal 2025

November is the sacred month of the Holy Souls — a time set aside to remember and honour those who have gone before us. During this special time, the Jesuits lift up their prayers to God, holding in their hearts the cherished memories of our relatives, loved ones, friends and neighbours who have passed from this world.

We received the names of loved ones who have touched your lives and who now rest in God's embrace and placed them in a basket at the altar of the La Storta Jesuit community. Throughout the month of November, the Jesuits remembered these loved ones in their daily Eucharist, holding them close in prayer. With immense gratitude we thank all those who participated and generously donated to the Jesuits of Canada during this appeal.



Current and Upcoming Appeals

Our appeals provide vital funding to sustain Jesuit works.

Together, they support:

- Young Jesuits in formation
- Jesuits in ministry
- Elderly, infirm Jesuits

Our current and upcoming appeals include our Easter Appeal, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Appeal and our Annual Provincial’s Appeal.

Through your generosity, these appeals continue to ensure that the Jesuits of Canada, from their formation years to the final ministry of prayer, can thrive and serve those most in need.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 Provincial’s Dinner

Wednesday April 29, 2026

Bellvue Manor, Vaughan

Join us for our annual Provincial’s Dinner at Bellvue Manor for an evening of fellowship, recognition and generosity in support of the Jesuit mission. Please follow our social media channels and print publications for updates as details are finalized.

2026 St. Ignatius Day Mass

Thursday, July 31, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
520 Sherbourne St., Toronto

Mark your calendars for July 31, 2026! We look forward to celebrating the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Toronto with a Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.





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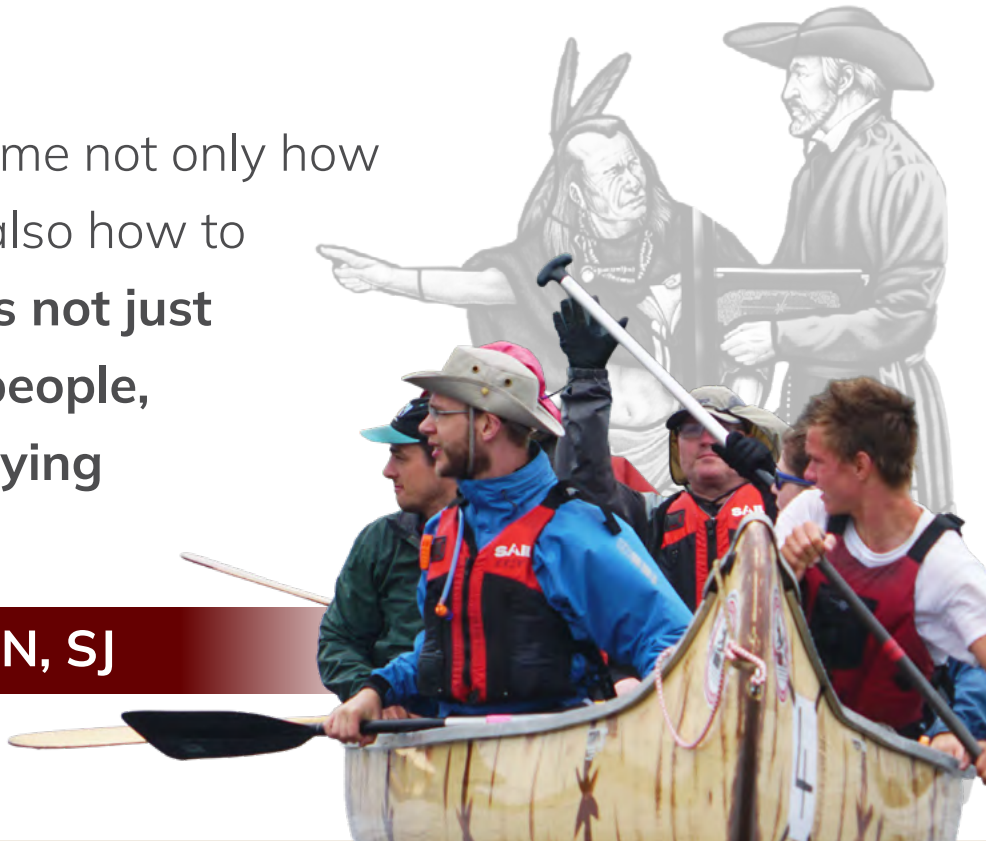
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FR. ERIK SORENSEN, SJ



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