



Diocese of Edmundston

Bishop's Office, 60 René-Bouchard Street, Edmundston, NB E3V 3K1

March 1st, 2023

COMMUNIQUE

DEATH OF CLAUDE CÔTÉ, C.J.M (1938-2023)



At the Hospital St-Sacrement in Quebec City, on February 18, 2023, Father Claude Côté, a member of the Eudist Community, died at the age of 85. Born on March 7, 1938, he was the son of the late Albert Côté and the late Hilda Hallé.

He completed his classical studies at Ste-Anne College (Nova Scotia) and later entered the "Séminaire du Sacré-Coeur" in Charlesbourg for his philosophical training and at Limbour for his theology. He was ordained a priest on May 8, 1965, at "Les Boules" (diocese of Rimouski).

After a year of licentiate in theology at the Catholic Institute of Paris, he spent more than a decade at Ste-Anne College in various capacities as professor, director of pastoral, student affairs, and at the Acadian Youth Colony. For a new period of about ten years, he became the parish priest of Sacré-Coeur in Saulnierville, in Nova Scotia, until 1986.

After a sabbatical year, he was a vicar and a parish priest of Bon-Pasteur in the diocese of Montreal. In 1996, still in the parish service, he was transferred to the diocese of Edmundston, first in charge of the parish of St-François d'Assise (Clair), then successively of the parish of Notre-Dame du Saint Rosaire (Connors), Saint-François and finally of Saint-Jacques and Saint-Joseph.

In 2018, at the beginning of his retirement, he moved to the Eudist Family House in Charlesbourg.

He was predeceased by his sister Rolande, Ursuline and brother Bernard (Denise Verreault), his sisters Georgette, Gisèle and Jacqueline, as well as his two other brothers Paul and Réginald. In addition to his community members, he is survived by his last brother Jacques (Hélène Arsenault).

Let us thank the Lord for the life and commitment of his servant Claude. Let us carry him in prayer with all the other deceased members of his family. Let us pray that the Hope of Promised Joy will come to soothe the sorrow of those who mourn.

The funeral will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 23, 2023, 2:00 P.M.**, at St-Thomas d'Aquin Parish (corner of Paradis and 2125 Louis-Jolliet, Quebec). The church will be open at 1:30 P.M., for the gathering of family members and friends of the community.

Your expressions of sympathy for the community could be manifested by a donation (with tax receipt) for our missions to "Les Œuvres Eudistes", at 2215, Marie-Victorin, Québec (QC), G1T 1J6, tel.: 1-418-626-6494.

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On behalf of the Edmundston Diocesan Church, I personally wish to express my deepest sympathy to the Eudist Community and all the members of the families, and assure them of my prayers and solidarity in this difficult time.

United in prayer and fraternal sentiments.

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