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### **Br Anthony Ronald “Ron” MacIntyre**

Br Ron was born on February 2nd, 1930 in Cape Breton and grew up with his family in Dominion, Nova Scotia. His father was John Anthony and mother was Georgina McPherson. Br. Ron was predeceased by seven siblings, Thelma Sanderson, Matthew MacIntyre, Daniel Joseph MacIntyre, Betsy Mae Peori, Olive Marie McNeil, Catherine Ann Puschie and John Laurie MacIntyre. He was survived by his sisters Drucilla Roy and Agnes Westran along with many nieces and nephews.

Br Ron was seen as a late vocation doing his high school studies at St. Francis Minor Seminary in Blenheim, Ontario. One day, Br Ron volunteered to stay home from a day at the movies, to spend his time making ice for the skating rink. However he got caught having a smoke and called into the rector’s office to be castigated with a “C” in conduct which raised his Scottish blood pressure to great heights. He made it to Novitiate at Annapolis, Maryland, where he was invested in the Capuchin habit on August 21, 1959. He later made his solemn profession of vows, on August 22, 1963. Br Ron was ordained to the priesthood on October 23, 1965 at St. Philip Neri Parish in Downsview, Ontario.

Br. Ron then taught English and Religion at the Capuchin Mount Alverno Seminary in Orangeville, Ontario. During this time he served as Chaplain to the Irish Christian Brothers of St. John’s Newfoundland and their Novitiate in Mono Mills, Ontario. In St. John’s Newfoundland he served as Chaplain at Brother Edmund Rice Catholic High School. He would then be seen traveling back and forth in an old pick-up truck with a man-made box in the back for sleeping. He also served as high school chaplain at the Ursuline College and later as Vocation Director.

Br. Ron was also very active with the Humber Valley Council 3925 of the Knights of Columbus where he was a 4th Degree Knight . Later on, he would be made Pastor of Mary, Queen of the World parish in Mt. Pearl, Newfoundland where he also received great help from the local Knight Council.



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Br Ron was not meant to be a Pastor, his gift was to be a “troubadour” where he enchanted people with his stories and his playing of the “spoons” . He was a poet and awarded the International Poet of Merit Award by the International Society of Poets on November 17th, 2002 for his book “Poems I have Seen”.

In his eulogy at his Christian Burial Mass Br. Gerry Craig was able to summarize Br Ron’s life with these words: “It did not matter who Ron was with: his family was the gifted, created universe, the same treasure the Lord has gifted us with... This was Br Ron, offering his gifts generously to whoever the Lord placed him among”.

Br. Ron died peacefully at the Providence Health Centre on November 23,2021 loved by those who cared for him.

Br Ron’s funeral Mass took place at St. Philip Neri parish on November 30 at 1 p.m. and he was buried in the Capuchin section of Evergreen Cemetery in Blenheim Ontario .

