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THE ETERNAL LIFE OF . . .

Fr. James J. Donnelly, SJ, a resident of Nepal for 48 of his 50 years as a Jesuit, died on August 17 in Kathmandu, Nepal. He was 80 years old. Fr. Donnelly was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 5, 1929. In 1947, he entered the Jesuits at the former novitiate in Milford, Ohio, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1959.

In 1961 Fr. Donnelly was missioned to Nepal where he taught at the St. Xavier's Schools in Godavari and Jawalakhel until 1991.

"He was my teacher and my icon," recalls Ranjeet Barale, who was one of Fr. Donnelly's first students. Buddha Basnyat, another former student who is now a doctor, says, "He was a person full of life, and a man of magnificent humanity. Now that he has left us I hope to be able to pass on to my children what he taught us."

"I have lost a great friend for whom Nepal was home and Nepalis were his people," says Fr. Augustine Thomas, SJ, of St. Xavier School in Godavari. "Fr. Jim has contributed a lot to Nepali education and his students will always remember him as an outstanding teacher and affectionate friend."

Fr. William F. King, SJ, died on August 20 at the age of 83. A native of Akron, Ohio, Fr. King was born on May 27, 1926. He entered the Jesuits in 1944, at the former novitiate in Milford, Ohio, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1957.

Fr. King taught at St. Ignatius High School (now Saint Ignatius College Prep) in Chicago, Illinois, from 1951 to 1954. In 1959 Father King went to serve as the sub-secretary for the American Jesuit Assistancy at the Jesuit Curia in Rome until 1960, when he began as a professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1968, Fr. King went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served at Xavier University for 37 years. In 2005 he retired to the Colombiere Health Care Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

"He was highly regarded by students," says Fr. Matthew Creighton, SJ, who taught with Fr. King. "He had a lot of influence in their lives as witnessed by the size of the funeral and the many that brought their stories."

Fr. John D. Baggary, SJ, accomplished scholar and teacher, died September 2, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan, at the age of 83. A native of Chicago, he was born on August 30, 1926. In 1949, Fr. Baggary entered the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, Ohio, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1960.

"He was a scholar's scholar," recalls Fr. Joseph Bracken, SJ, who knew Fr. Baggary from the novitiate. "Once he decided to pursue something, he would pur-

sue it to the end. He believed that knowledge for its own sake was imminently worth pursuing."

In 1962 Fr. Baggary went to study theology for four years at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He returned to the States in 1967 for a short two-year position as a teacher of theology at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. In 1969, he returned to the Gregorian in Rome. Fr. Baggary came back to the States in 1976 and taught theology at Loyola University while preparing a critical edition of the Hexaemeron of Pseudo-Athanasius. This proved to be his life's work.

"The Church, the Society and the discipline of Patristic Theology are richer for his contributions," says Fr. Thomas Kennealy, SJ, who met Fr. Baggary as a novice. "Beyond that, I remember John as a faithful religious and a devoted priest who loved the Society of Jesus and the Church."

Fr. Anthony J. Grollig, SJ, a Patna Jesuit for 60 years, died on October 11. Born January 5, 1921, he attended Xavier University graduating in 1943 with a B.Sc. in chemistry. Soon after, Fr. Grollig joined the army and spent three years in the field artillery stationed in the south and western Pacific. After this service to his country, he turned his attention to the service of God and joined the Society of Jesus at Milford on September 1, 1946. In 1950, he was assigned to India and was ordained to the priesthood on November 21, 1955, in Kurseong.

Fr. Grollig got his first experience of village work under the guidance of Fr. Nicholas Pollard, SJ, at Shahpur. With this as a background, he served in a pastoral capacity at various locations around India until 1998. By this time the provincial felt Fr. Grollig deserved a rest. So he was assigned to the Jesuit community at K.R., Bettiah, as the librarian. Finally in 2002, Fr. Grollig retired to Xavier Teachers' Training Institute, where his sister came to visit him just a few months ago.

"Fr. Grollig was a great talker, and loved to be in a community where he could tell his tales of village life and pastoral work," recalls Fr. Gerald Drinane, SJ. "He was usually not in one place for very long, but always on the move. He had his motorcycle for travel, and he took good care of it, usually taking it apart to clean each part carefully, and put it back together. He was a very good-natured person, with a ready smile and greeting for everyone. But above all, he was a priest of the people. He loved his parishioners, and their spiritual welfare was his first concern. Patna has lost a great missionary, but his memory will continue to inspire us to greater service of the Kingdom."



Fr. James J. Donnelly, SJ
1929–2009
Kathmandu, Nepal



Fr. William F. King, SJ
1926–2009
Royal Oak, Michigan



Fr. John D. Baggary, SJ
1926–2009
Clarkston, Michigan



Fr. Anthony J. Grollig, SJ
1921–2009
Patna, India

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