

# Remembering Fr. Matthew George

It was with sadness that I, Deacon Andre, received the news of Fr. Matthew George's death. He came to St. Mary's as Pastor in July of 2005 and served here as pastor until 2011 when he moved to the Yukon to serve as a missionary. During his stay with us, he became involved with the Cursillo Movement of London Diocese and had remained active in Cursillo ever since.

In my second year of the diaconate study program I was encouraged by his leadership. He helped to bring COR for the Youth of St. Mary's by supporting its reactivation in what became the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes. Fr. Matt was a team builder and encourager. The activities in the parish received his support and spiritual guidance. The Parish Council was one team that took shape under his watch.

When I was ordained as a Deacon in November of 2007, Fr. Matt became my mentor and helped me greatly in becoming an active member of the Parish team.

Fr. Matt's missionary time in the Yukon was cut short by cancer, however, after surgery and recuperation, he returned to parish work in what has become the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes.

Fr. Matt, we are grateful for the gift of the time that you dedicated to our parish and its people.

Deacon Andre