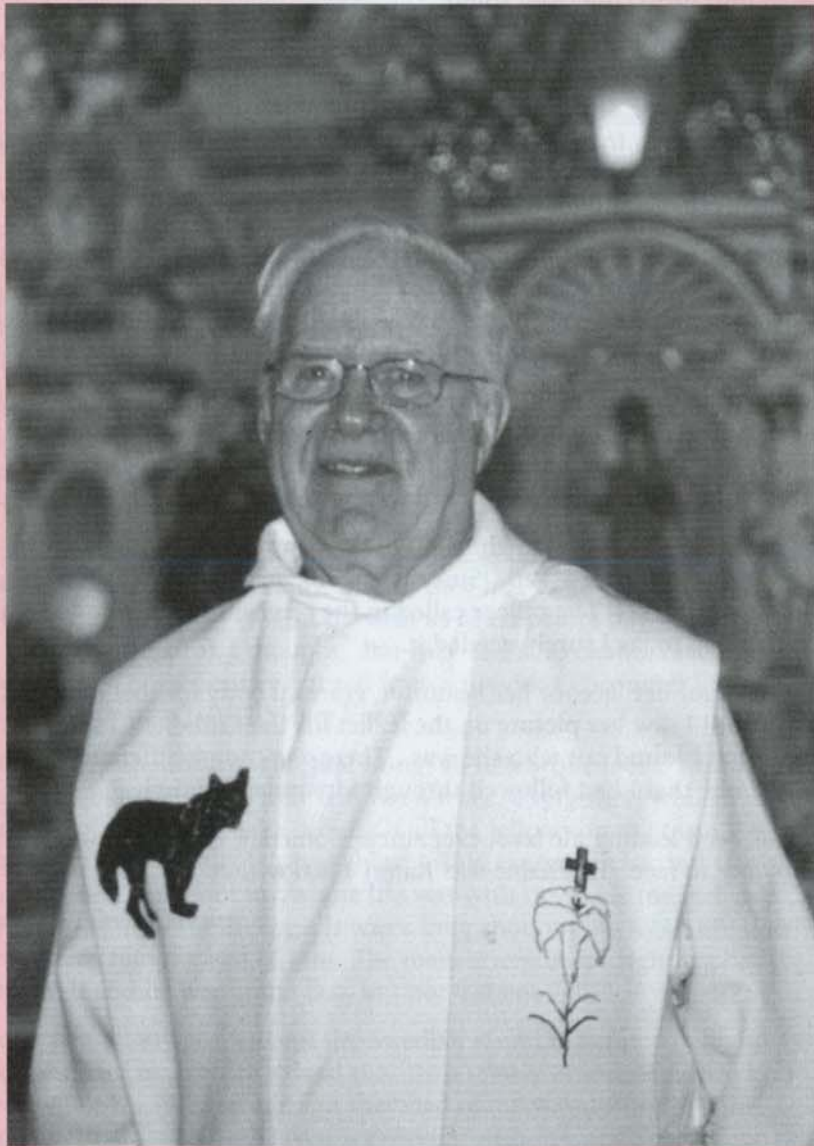


Fr. Jacques Bruyère...

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Father Jacques Bruyère passed away at the Jesuit Residence in St. Jérôme on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. He was eighty-six years of age, and Jesuit priest for sixty-six years. He was born in Letellier, Manitoba in March of 1922. He studied at the Collège Saint-Boniface and entered the Jesuit Order in 1942 and ordained a priest in 1953. Fr. Jacques worked in Taiwan and the Philippines from 1955 to 1982. On every furlough from China and the Philippines, Fr. Jacques would stay at the St. Francis Xavier Mission here in Kahnawake, where he directed the Mohawk Mixed Choir.

In 1983 he was appointed Procurator for the Jesuit Foreign Missions and Superior of the Garnier Residence in Quebec City. Later, he was attached to the Mission Bureau in Montreal. Fr. Jacques was appointed Vice-Postulator for Blessed Kateri's Cause in June 1990 replacing the first and former Vice-Postulator, Fr. Henri Bêchard, S.J. who died in March of 1990. Due to ill health, Fr. Jacques retired in September of 2006.

Fr. Jacques is survived by his sisters Marie-Marthe, Gabrielle, Françoise (Tony Berwanger), and his brothers Dollard (Clemence Maurice), Jean-Léon (Colette Chaput), Yves-Marie (Rita Deremiens). He had numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral service was at the Maison des Jésuits in St. Jérôme on Monday, March 2nd at 10.30 a.m. Many parishioners from Kahnawake attended the funeral including Kateri Center office manager, Albert Lazare and Deacon Ron Boyer, the new Vice-Postulator.

Fr. Jacques will be dearly missed by the community of Kahnawake, particularly the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella of whom he was their Chaplain for 16 years, and also by his many Oriental friends across the country.

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Fr. Jacques Bruyère in front of Kateri's Tomb



Fr. Jacques Bruyère receives the Kateri Award from Fr. John Paret

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Fr. Jacques Bruyère with Archbishop Charles Chaput



Fr. Jacques Bruyère with his sister, Françoise