

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine...



*Mass of Christian Burial
for Fr. James Kelsey McConica, CSB
April 24, 1930 - December 20, 2023*

**December 29, 2023
Chapel of Presentation Manor**



The Reverend Doctor James McConica, CSB
MA, DPhil, DLitt, DU, LL.D, FBA, FRHistS, FRSC, OC - *Emeritus Fellow since 1997*

Praeses, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto
(1996 to 2008) (now emeritus)

Emeritus Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford (from 1980 to 1997)
The first Roman Catholic priest to be a fellow since the English Reformation

President and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Michael's College, Toronto
[now Emeritus] (from 1984 to 1990)

Research Fellow, All Souls College (from 1980 to 1984)

Junior Fellow (*Professor extraordinarius*) then Senior Fellow (*Professor ordinarius*),
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto (from 1967 to 1991)

Part-time instructor, Division of Humanities, York University, Toronto
(1963 to 1964)

Instructor in History, then Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan
(from 1956 to 1962)

Honorary Fellow, Exeter College, Oxford

Member, International Commission on English in the Liturgy (from 2002)

Member (Vice-President, 1998-), International Council directing the *Opera omnia* of Erasmus of Rotterdam (ASD) under the auspices of the International Union of Academies and the Royal Dutch Academy (from 1983)

Chairman, Editorial Board, *Collected Works of Erasmus*, Toronto (from 1975)

Member, Board of Trustees, University of Toronto Art Centre (from 2003 to 2005)

Chair, Medieval Studies Foundation, Toronto (from 1996 to 2008)

Director, Canadian Rhodes Scholars' Foundation (from 1997 to 2008)

Visiting Fellow, All Souls College (1969-71 and 1977)

Foreign Member and Corresponding Member, Royal Belgian Academy

Honorary Fellow, Huntingdon Library (1976)

Corresponding Member, British Academy

Officer of the Order of Canada

Order of Service

Presider: Very Reverend Kevin Storey, CSB
Superior General of the Basilian Fathers

Entrance Hymn:

O Come All Ye Faithful

CBWIII #329 Verses 1-2 in English; 3-4 in Latin

First Reading – Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 98

CBW III #32

Refrain: The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God

Gospel – Luke 2:22-35

The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem

Homilist:

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

Communion Hymn:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

CBW III #330

(Text: Corde natus ex Parentis Aurelius Prudentius 348-413)

Commendation and Farewell

Fr. John Reddy, CSB

Superior of Basilian Fathers of Presentation Manor

Songs of the Angels CBW III 10C

Salve Regina

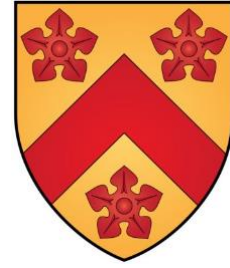
Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

CBW III #426 (4 verses)



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& Peter Treen, Organist and Music Director of St. Cecilia's Parish.***



“History therefore becomes the arena where we see what God does for humanity. God comes to us in the things we know best and can verify most easily, the things of our everyday life, apart from which we cannot understand ourselves. In the Incarnation of the Son of God we see forged the enduring and definitive synthesis which the human mind of itself could not even have imagined: the Eternal enters time, the Whole lies hidden in the part, God takes on a human face.”

#12 ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
FIDES ET RATIO ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH AND REASON - 1998

“...In the course of history, it was often maintained that the creation of institutions was sufficient to guarantee the fulfilment of humanity's right to development. Unfortunately, too much confidence was placed in those institutions, as if they were able to deliver the desired objective automatically. In reality, institutions by themselves are not enough, because integral human development is primarily a vocation, and therefore it involves a free assumption of responsibility in solidarity on the part of everyone.”

#11 ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI *CARITAS IN VERITATE*
ON INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN CHARITY AND TRUTH - 2009

“The nearer people approach old age the closer they return to a semblance of childhood, until the time comes for them to depart this life, again like children, neither tired of living nor aware of death.”

-Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus

“Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest”.

-William Shakespeare, Act 5 Scene 2 of Hamlet

***“Come, gentle night, come, loving, black-brow'd night,
Give me my Romeo; and, when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun.”***

-William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet, Act III, Scene II