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DATE: July 14, 2015
TO: Priests, Parishes, Religious Communities, Staff
FROM: Bishop Gary Gordon
Cynthia Bouchard-Watkins, Chancellor
RE: Rev. Anthony “Tony” Gonsalves OFM - RIP

Your prayers are requested for Fr. Tony Gonsalves OFM, who passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack at St. Clare’s Monastery in Duncan on Friday, July 10, 2015, at the age of 75. Fr. Tony was born on February 4, 1940, in Karachi, India (now Pakistan) and was received into the Franciscan Order on May 31, 1961. He made his solemn profession of vows on August 2, 1966 and was ordained a priest on January 6, 1968. Fr. Tony served the Franciscan community in Pakistan in leadership roles as a formator and pastor until he transferred to Canada in 1993 to join the Franciscans of Western Canada.

Fr. Tony served in our Diocese as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Victoria from 2004-2007 and Guardian of St. Joseph’s Friary; Administrator of Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 2011-2013; Director of San Damiano Friary in Duncan from 2014-2015; and was serving as Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Chemainus and St. Mary Parish, Ladysmith from 2014.

Funeral Prayers for Fr. Tony Gonsalves OFM will be held at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Victoria at 7:30 pm on Friday, July 17, 2015. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at 11:00 am at St. Andrew’s Cathedral, followed by a reception at St. Andrew’s Elementary School, located at 1002 Pandora Avenue, Victoria.

Please continue to remember in your prayers the members of the Franciscan Community, and the Poor Clares, as well as the parish communities of Ladysmith and Chemainus where Fr. Tony served until his sudden passing.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.