

## Obituary for Fr. Thomas Shymko



It is with profound sadness, combined with Resurrection Hope, that the Shymko Family and the Diocese of Prince George announces the passing of our beloved family member, friend, and faithful priest, Fr. Thomas Shymko. Fr. Tom died peacefully at UHNBC on the evening of May 11, 2018, after a short journey with cancer; his brother priests, Fathers Chris Lynch and John Garden were at his side.

Thomas Shymko was born on October 8, 1945, in Grandview, Manitoba. After obtaining his teaching certificate as a young man, he entered the Presentation Brothers. Under his professed name, Brother Peter, he gave 25 years of dedicated missionary service to the vocation of teaching and educational administration before making a decision to

study for the priesthood for the Diocese of Prince George. Fr. Tom was ordained a priest on June 23, 2000, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and faithfully served the People of God in various parishes well into his retirement years. He truly possessed a pastor's heart; he will be greatly missed and warmly remembered!

Fr. Tom was predeceased by his father, Michael Shymko. He is survived by his mother of 99 years, Elsie Shymko, numerous nephews and nieces, extended relatives, his siblings and their spouses: John (Ethel) Shymko; Mary (Jim) Psihogios; Robert (Fotine) Shymko; David (Faye) Shymko; and Teresa (Kevin) Wiebe.

The Shymko Family and the Diocesan Family are grateful to Sr. Michaela Marques, DSMI, Dr. Tony Preston, and the medical staff at UHNBC and the Cancer Clinic for the care provided Fr. Tom. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Sacred Heart School in Fr. Tom's honour: a school close to his 'heart' after years of service there as both teacher and principal.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Vigil for the Deceased: **Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 PM** - at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Mass of Christian Burial: **Wednesday, May 16, 11:00 AM** - at Sacred Heart Cathedral

***Well done, good and faithful servant!  
Enter into the joy of your Master!***

Matthew. 25:23