

Scarboro Foreign Mission Society 1918-2018

Moments in History

Part Four, 1991-2009

Missions, celebrations, and a commitment to
interfaith dialogue

As Vice President of the Brazilian Bishops Land Pastoral Commission, Bishop George Marskell travels to Stockholm to accept the Right Livelihood Award, the alternative to the Nobel Prize, in November 1991.

In 1992, Fr. Robert “Buddy” Smith leaves Nicaragua. His departure marks the end of Scarboro’s work in that country.

A look back at the Nicaragua mission



In 1988, Fr. Robert Smith volunteered to help rebuild the country after the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship. Here he is in on the island of Ometepe where he worked.

A look back at the Nicaragua mission



Fr. Joseph Curcio with friends. Circa 1986.

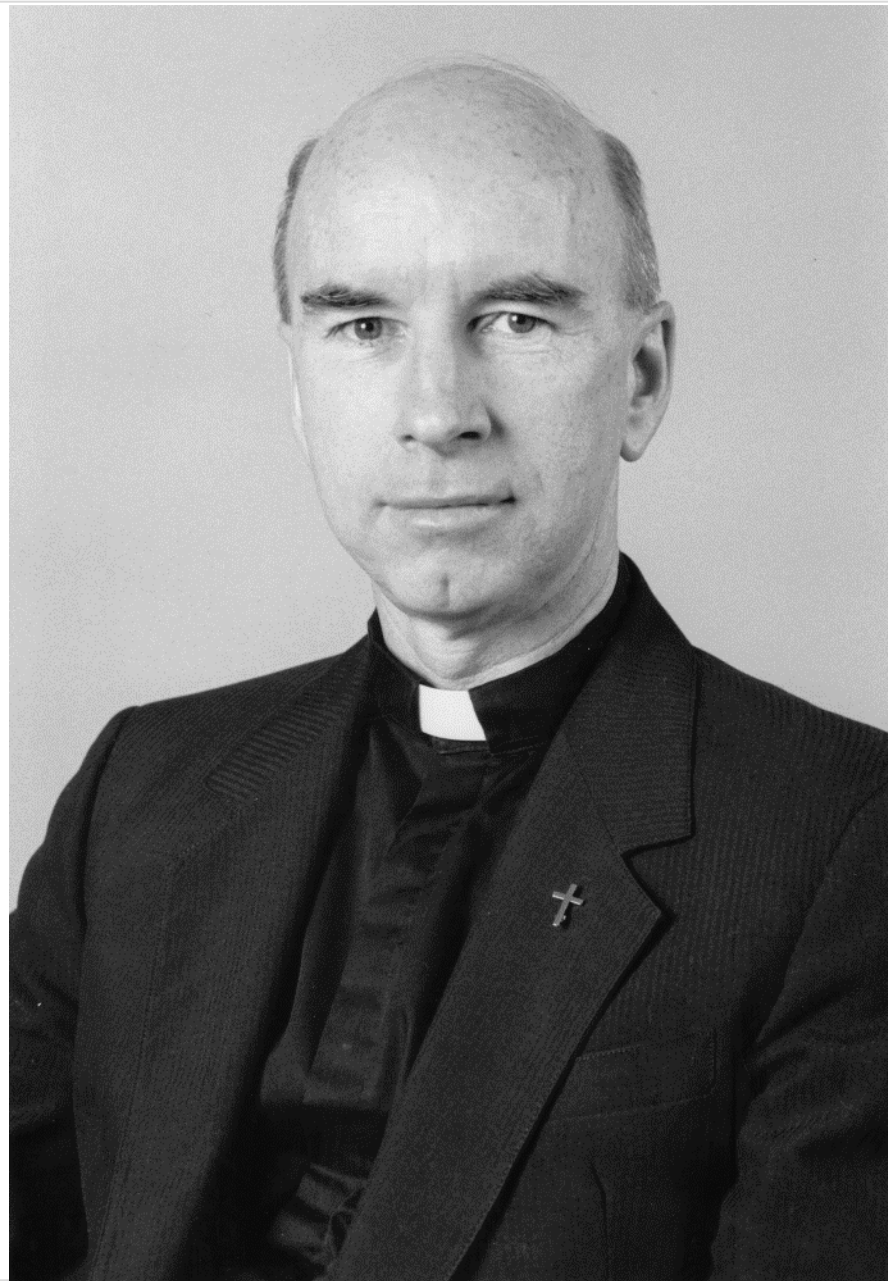
Ninth General Chapter, June to July 1992



The Chapter is held in the Dominican Republic.

Ninth General Chapter

Fr. Brian Swords is re-elected
Superior General.



Mission to Bolivia



Mission to Bolivia



In 1992, lay missionaries Lorraine Reaume and Tim Richards are assigned to Bolivia for one year.

Scarboro Missions celebrates its 75th anniversary in 1993



It also celebrates 50 years in the Dominican Republic.



In 1993, Scarboro closes its mission in Peru.

A look back at the Peru mission



Parish youth with Fr. Jack Lynch, the first Scarborough missionary to go to Peru.

A look back at the Peru mission



Fr. Gerald Sherry (left) speaks to Fr. Emigdio Sandoval of the Diocese of Chiclayo. April 1983.

A look back at the Peru mission



Peru mission team. Circa 1984.

Back row, L-R: Mark Hathaway, Rosina Bisci, Fr. Gregory Chisholm, Fr. Frank Hegel, Fr. William Schultz
Front row: Frs. Hugh MacDougall, Gerald Sherry, Paul Ouellette

A look back at the Peru mission



Lay missionaries Armella Sonntag, Mark Hathaway, and Gerald Heffernan. Circa 1990.

Mission to Ecuador

In July 1993, Fr. Frank Hegel (right) arrives in Riobamba. He is soon joined by married lay missionaries Julia Duarte and Thomas Walsh and their children.





Fr. Louis Quinn receives
the Order of Canada on
March 5, 1995.

Mission to Zambia

Lay missionary Mary Rowlands arrives in January 1996 and serves as an obstetrics nurse for two years.





Mission to Malawi

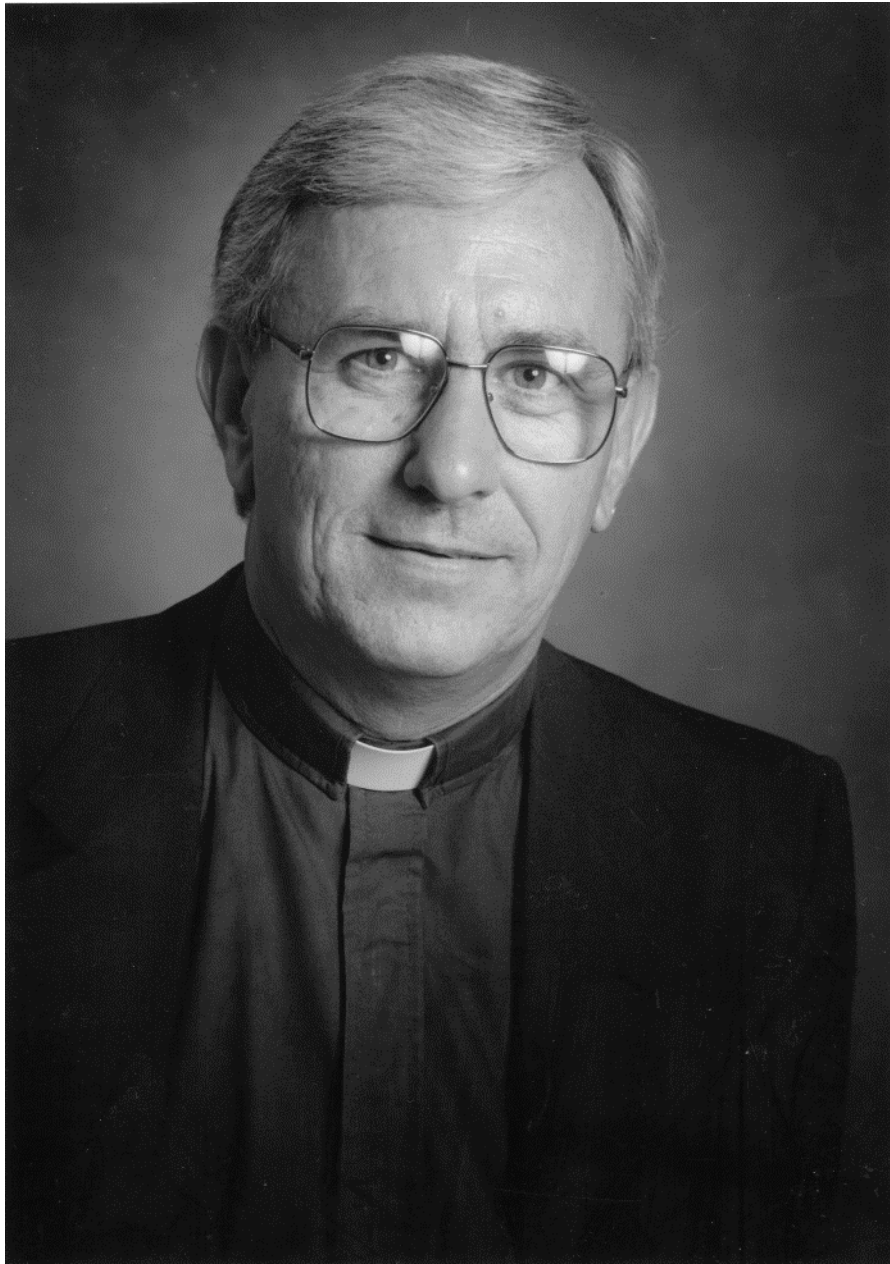
Lay missionaries Beverley and Raymond Vantomme arrive in January 1996 to start the mission.

Beverley works as a psychiatric nurse and Raymond as a maintenance manager at a local hospital.





Tenth General Chapter, April to May 1997



Tenth General Chapter

Fr. Jack Lynch is elected
Superior General.

Scarboro Missions celebrates 50 years in Japan in 1998



Mission to Kenya

Married lay missionaries David Fish and Elena Abubo arrive in Nairobi in 1998 and stay for one year.

David works with the University of Nairobi on a Canadian government funded AIDS project, and Elena works with children.



A commitment to Interfaith Dialogue

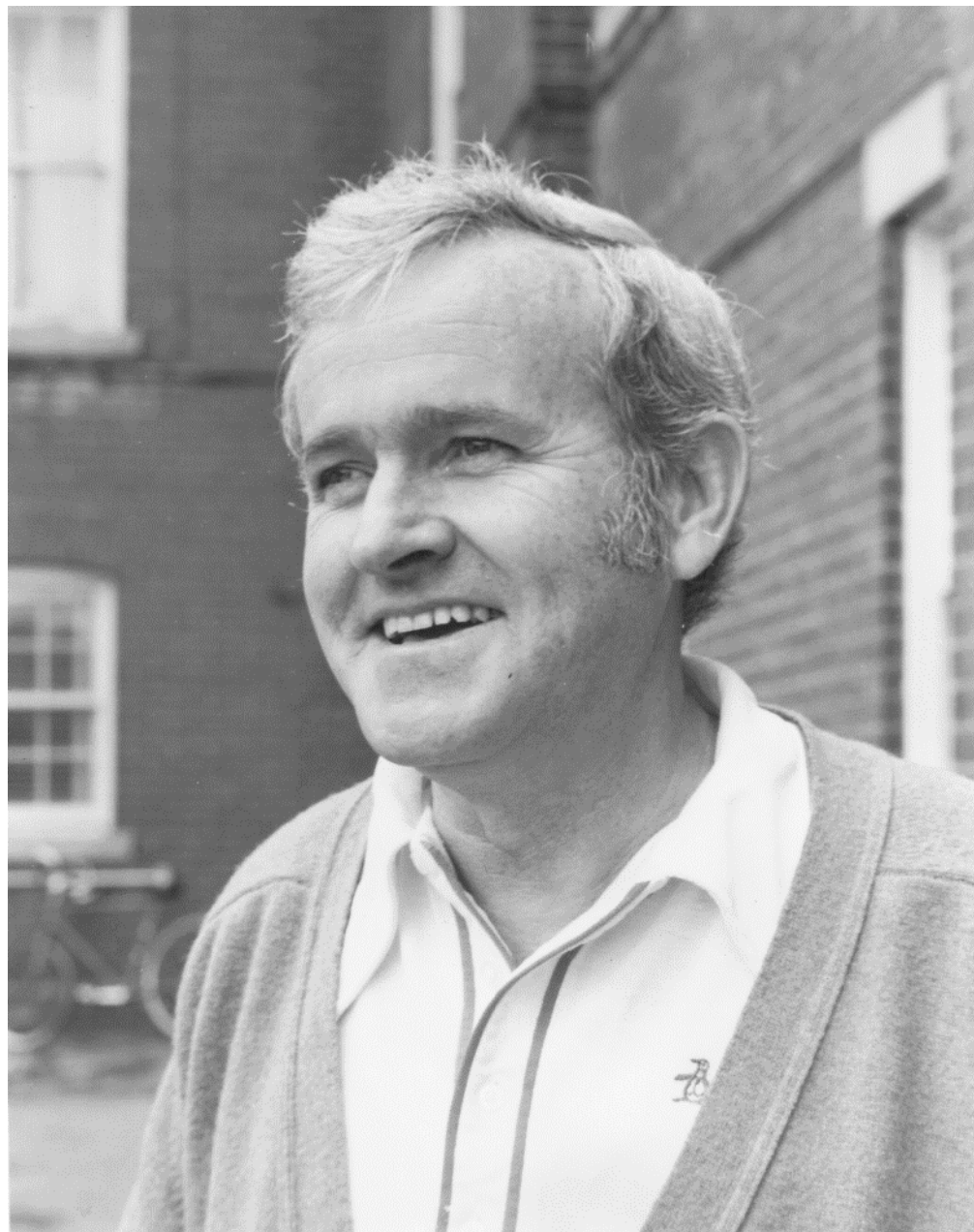
The Interfaith Desk, a precursor to the Interfaith Department, is founded by Fr. Gerald Curry in 1998. It is coordinated by Fr. Raymond O'Toole.

A commitment to Interfaith Dialogue

The Interfaith Desk, a precursor to the Interfaith Department, is founded by Fr. Gerald Curry in 1998. It is coordinated by Fr. Raymond O'Toole.

The status of the Interfaith Desk will be raised to that of a Department at the 2007 General Chapter.

Fr. Ambrose MacKinnon
is made a Monsignor by
Archbishop Lawrence Burke of
the Archdiocese of Nassau,
Bahamas in 1999.



Fr. Hugh MacDougall begins working in Cuba in 1999

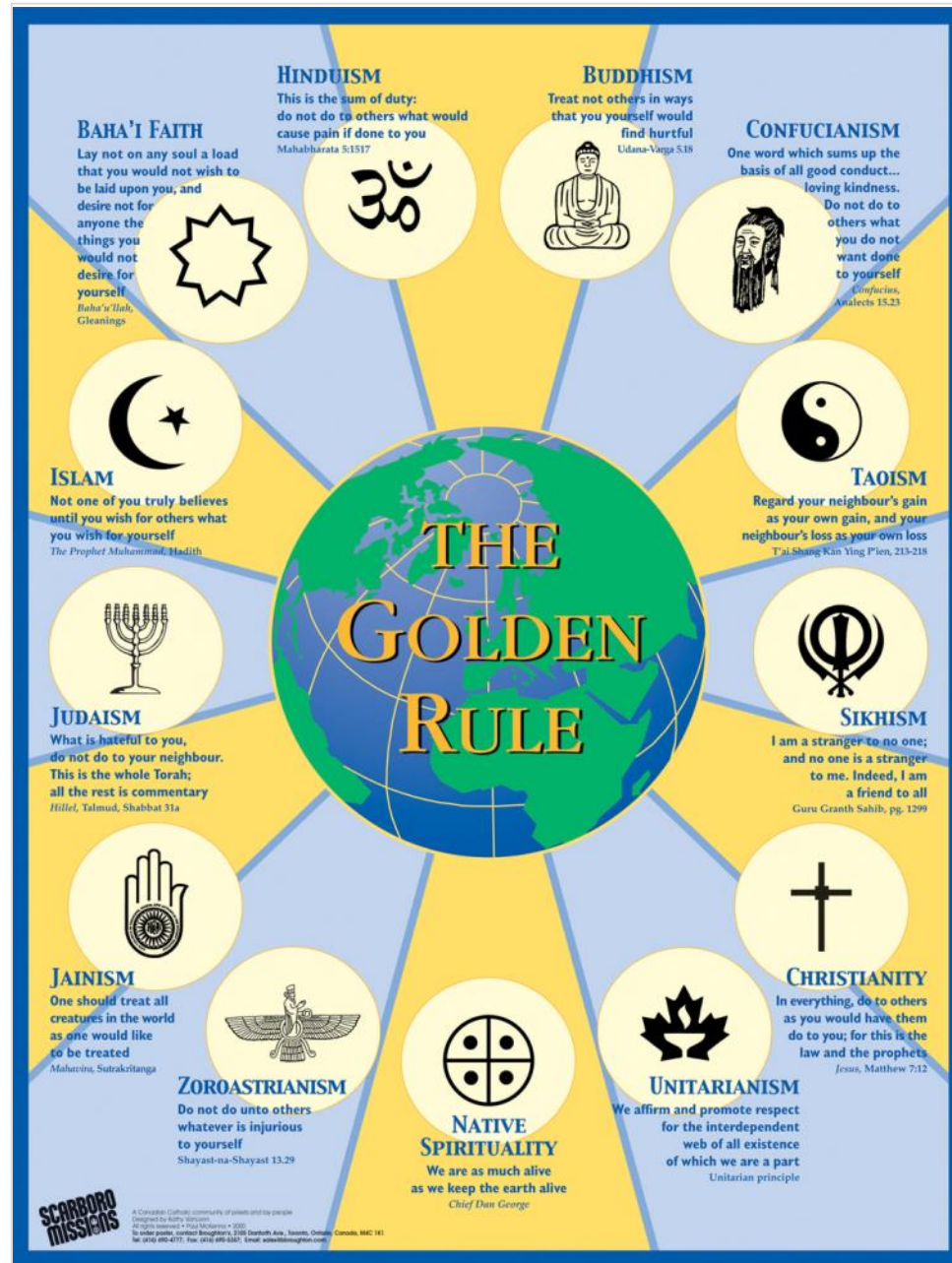


Fr. MacDougall (above) serves the parish of San José in Bahía Honda.

Mission to Thailand



Lay missionaries Patrick and Georgina Phelan arrive in Pattaya in January 2000.



The Golden Rule

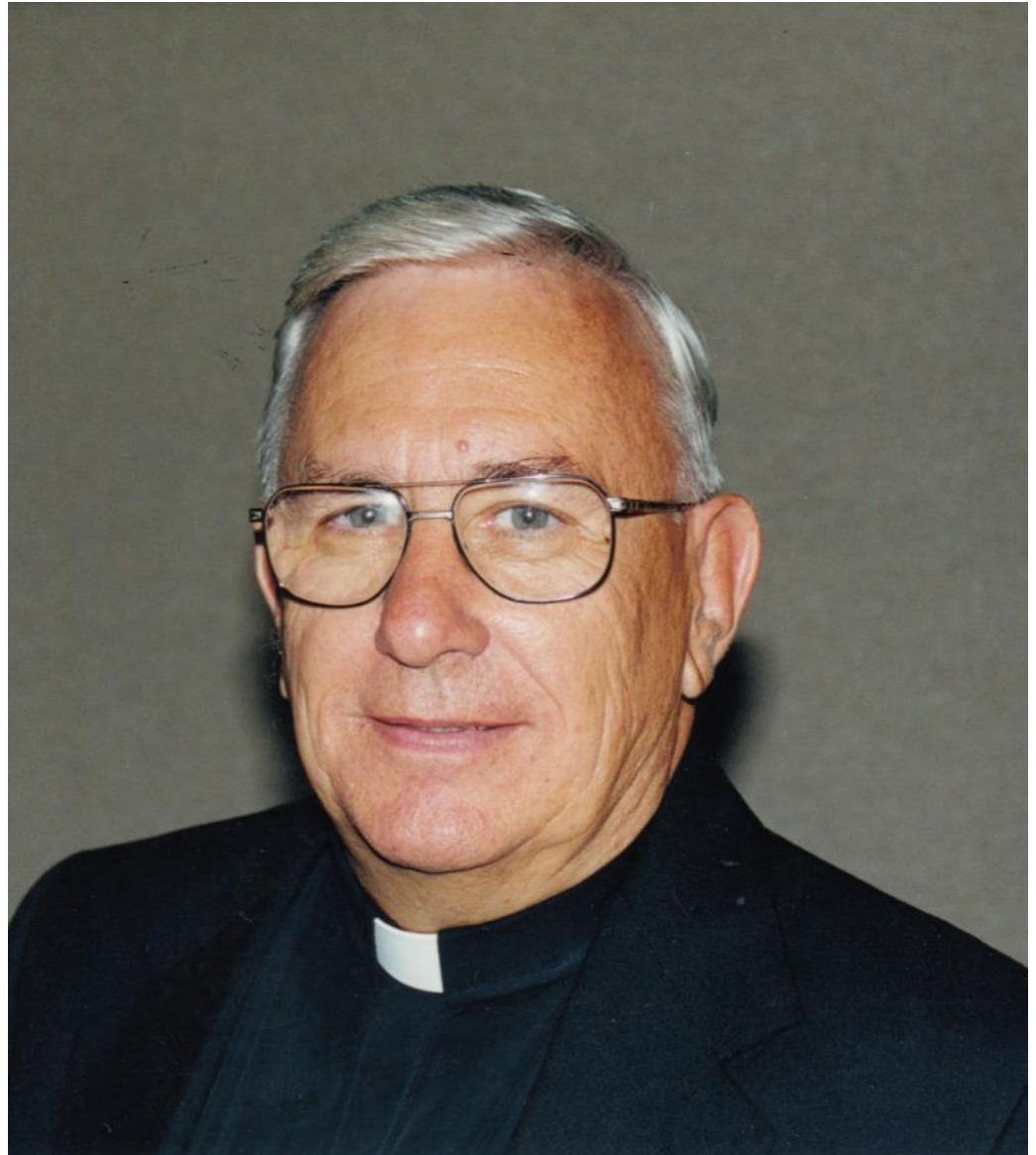
- In 2000, Scarboro Missions publishes the Golden Rule Poster created by its interfaith consultant Paul McKenna.
- On January 4, 2002, the poster is put on permanent display at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
- As of 2017, the poster is available in 20 different languages.

Eleventh General Chapter, August 2002



Eleventh General Chapter

Fr. Jack Lynch is re-elected
Superior General.



Twelfth General Chapter, June 2007



Twelfth General Chapter, June 2007



Fr. Lynch (centre, front row) is again re-elected Superior General.

In 2005, Scarboro closes its mission in Japan.

A look back at the Japan mission



(L-R) Frs. Michael Cox, Frank Hawkshaw, and Clair Yaeck with Catholic Junior High School graduates from the Kaize and Sasebo parishes. March 1961.

A look back at the Japan mission



Fr. Thomas O'Toole with Japanese curate Fr. Hatakeyania standing by grotto in Yoshizuka. 1961.

A look back at the Japan mission



(L-R) Frs. Richard Veltri, Gerald Curry, Bishop Aloysius Soma, and James Gauthier. Early 1970s.

A look back at the Japan mission



Japan missionaries. 1973.

A look back at the Japan mission



Back row, L-R: Frs. D. Macdonald, D. Boyle, R. Veltri, A. McDonald, B. Schultz, Peter Kwan (seminarian),
G. Kelly, P. Toth, E. Geier, J. Gauthier, D. Fitzpatrick, G. Curry, C. Villeneuve.
Front row: Frs. A. Burke (O.S.A), T. Morrissey, T. O'Toole, F. Hawkshaw, W. Schultz, R. Pelow, J. Carten.

A look back at the Japan mission



Fr. John Carten at an Easter Vigil in the Totsuka Catholic Church, Yokohama. 1998.

In 2009, Scarboro closes its mission in the Philippines.

A look back at the Philippine mission



Fr. Charles Gervais with a First Communion class in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte. Circa 1965.

A look back at the Philippine mission



Philippine missionaries with Superior General Fr. Paul Ouellette, who was on a visitation from Canada. Circa 1970.
L-R: Frs. Terry Gallagher, Armand Clement, Anthony Martin, Paul Ouellette, James McGuire, Fred Wakeham, Patrick Kelly.

A look back at the Philippine mission



Fr. Roger Brennan in Silago, Southern Leyte. Circa 1978.

A look back at the Philippine mission



Fiesta in Silago featuring (L-R) Fr. Nestor Astillo, Fr. David Warren, Bishop Vicente Ataviado, Fr. James McGuire, and Fr. Michael Traher. July 1981.