

Fr. Bill Comerford Bio & Miss Joan Green Bio

Fr. Bill Comerford was born in Ottawa, Ontario and moved with his family to Oshawa in 1940. He entered the minor seminary at St. Mary's College in Brockville, Ontario in 1949 and, after his seminary studies at Woodstock and Holy Redeemer College in Windsor, Ontario was ordained a priest in 1962 by the late Emmett Cardinal Carter, at that time the auxiliary bishop of the diocese of London. He has served the Church and his congregation in various capacities: as a High School Chaplain, parish work and the preaching apostolate. He served as a pastor of the inner city parish of Holy Name in Toronto from 1993-2001. He presently is vicar superior of Our Mother of Perpetual Help monastery in Toronto and continues his work of teaching and preaching.

Miss Joan Green, CSsR. Oblate, is well known in Toronto for her counselling and healing ministry. Although severely handicapped with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis since childhood she has led a productive life through her ministry of the pen and spiritual counselling by the phone and one on one, face to face ministry to those in need.

She is originally from Apohaqui, NB and came to Toronto in 1982 to continue the work she started in Saint John, NB. It was in May of that year that the Rector Major of the Redemptorists, Father Joseph Pfab accepted her as an Oblate of the Redemptorist Congregation.

For 15 years she worked for the Archbishop of Toronto, along with Father Comerford, as Liaison to the Charismatic Renewal, a position they left in the summer of 2001. They have teamed up on many occasions and this May preached a retreat to the priests of the Antigonish diocese.