

Rev. Edward Jackman, 1940 – 2021



Rev. Edward Jackman passed away on Friday June 18, 2021. Father Jackman was a longtime friend of the Archdiocese of Kingston, helping to preserve and promote its history. Father Jackman was instrumental in helping a number of parishes in the archdiocese produce parish histories, including writing a parish history of St. Edward's Westport in 1978. He was a member of the Editorial team and a contributor to *Springing From the Rock: A Portrait of the Archdiocese of Kingston 1976-2001*. Most recently he was a generous benefactor of the Archdiocese of Kingston's Joint Archives project.

Father Jackman was born in 1940 in Toronto, attended Upper Canada College, and graduated from Victoria University in the University of Toronto in 1962. After graduation he underwent a spiritual conversion to Roman Catholicism, and entered the Dominican Order in 1965. He was ordained a priest in 1971 and served as a missionary in West Africa for a few years, before returning to Canada due to ill health. He served as Historian for the Archdiocese of Toronto from 1975 to the mid-1990s. He also became involved with the Canadian Catholic Historical Association in the late 1970s and served as Secretary-General of the Association from 1982 to 2021. He was also a generous benefactor of the humanities, performing arts and history. Through the Jackman Foundation, Father Jackman helped fund the McGill-Queen's University Press Studies in the History of Religion Series. He also helped many Canadian historians pursue their studies, research and publication goals.

He was very generous with his time and talents and believed in the importance of preserving the history of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada. His generosity, kind heart, and many talents will be missed.

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