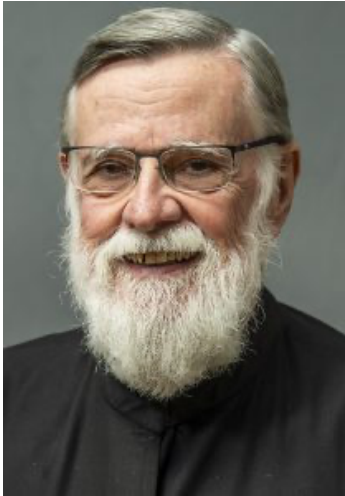


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## **FR EDWARD DOUGHERTY** 28 February 1941 – 28 April 2020



‘Ed’ Dougherty was born in Philadelphia, USA, and entered the Society at St Isaac Jogues, Wernersville, eighteen years later. He studied Classics at Shrub Oak, New York, and did his theology at Woodstock. After ordination in 1972, he taught religion and Latin at Georgetown ‘Prep’ (This writer never quite knows what this word describes) before doing some special studies in theology and then became Socius to the novice director for four years.

In 1993, at the invitation of the then Regional Superior of South Africa, Chris Chatteris, he came to join the Jesuit scholastic community at Merrivale near Durban. He stayed for more than a decade, teaching Sacred Scripture at St. Joseph’s Theological Institute, Cedara. His students came from across the continent and beyond. He enjoyed teaching and was generally at home in the community, though his temper could flare up when he had a drink, leading to heated arguments! At week-ends he would respond to calls to celebrate Mass in the Jesuit run mission at Elandskop, even acquiring sufficient Zulu for the task.

When the Society closed the house, he returned to the United States.

After a well-earned sabbatical, Ed spent the next fourteen years in pastoral ministry at two historic Jesuit parishes. The first was as parochial vicar at St. Ignatius Church in Port Tobacco, Maryland—the oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the United States—while also acting as superior of the Jesuit community in Southern Maryland. Then, in 2013, he returned to his native Philadelphia to minister at Old St. Joseph’s Church, the city’s oldest Catholic church.

In early 2020, Fr. Dougherty retired from active ministry and moved to the Jesuit community at Saint Joseph’s University. He died on April 28, 2020, at the age of 79.