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Father Roger Guindon, OMI 1920 – 2012

OTTAWA, November 19, 2012 — One of Saint Paul University's founding Oblates, Father Roger Guindon, passed away on November 17, 2012 at 92 years of age.

Father Guindon's academic career began at Saint Paul University as Professor in 1947 and in 1961; he became Dean of the faculty of Theology. After 17 years at Saint Paul University, Father Guindon pursued his tenure as Rector at the University of Ottawa in 1964.

Father Guindon had a dream for Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa. He became a key personality in laying the foundations for the harmonious and enriching relationship between the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University. Father Guindon played a major role establishing Saint Paul University as a higher education institution federated with the University of Ottawa.

"This is a great loss for the University community, but also for society. Father Guindon was an Oblate of Mary Immaculate: he was clearly influenced by a spirituality of action and by a constant concern for emerging needs that could arise in a community – what is called, in the words of our faith, 'the signs of the times,'" says Saint Paul University rector Chantal Beauvais.

Father Guindon was passionate about the care and service of others and devoted himself to national and international organizations touching a broad base of interests: education, health, culture, language, labour, and human rights. As a result of his advocacy and passion, he was awarded eight honorary doctorates, Companion of the Order of Canada, Member of the Order of Ontario, and Officer of the National Order of Quebec.

"The loss of Father Roger Guindon has come as very sad news. He was one of our most illustrious and influential founding Oblates. His legacy and contribution in the development of Saint Paul University will be long remembered." concludes Chantal Beauvais.

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