



Fr James (Jim) O'Connor was born in Limerick on 7 July 1924 and died on 18 April 2016. Fr Jim was a much-loved member of our Province, and lived in

Mount St Alphonsus, Limerick, for the past 11 years. He had laboured for most of his life in the Philippines.

After ordination in 1950, Jim was appointed to the Philippines where he spent two long periods, first travelling there in 1952 and returning to Ireland in 1968. He then gave parish missions and retreats all over Ireland, before leaving again for his first love, the Philippines, in 1984, returning home for good in 2005.

Jim was a proud Limerick man, and a great rugby fan, an ardent follower of Munster rugby. For many years, before the digital age, his family would send him the Monday copy of *The Irish Times* to keep him updated with all the sports news, as he followed every sport. He was also a wonderful singer, and his favourite party-piece was 'Keep right on to the end of the road,' which he would sing at the drop of a hat. His niece said: "He sometimes joked, not in a boastful way as he was very humble, that the day he went into the monastery he left a string of broken hearts behind him. He'd say it with a wink and a nod. He had a great sense of humour, and loved the banter with his family."

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His funeral Mass was held on 21 April with burial afterwards in Castlemungret Cemetery.