

FATHER THOMAS CHOO, SSCC.
1942—2020



Father Thomas Young Bok Choo, ss.cc. was born to Richard and Rose Choo in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 19, 1942. He was baptized at St. Patrick Church in Kaimuki on December 21, 1955. He was a student at St. Patrick School and attended St. Louis High School where he graduated in 1960.

He entered the Novitiate of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and professed Temporary Vows on August 22, 1963 in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. He continued his education at Queen of Peace Mission Seminary in Jaffrey, New Hampshire and was ordained a priest by Bishop John Scanlan at St. Patrick Church on June 13, 1969 along with his brothers, Fr. Albert Garcia, Fr. George Fellez, Fr. Pat Goodwin, Fr. Martin Gomes, Fr. Bill Petrie, Fr. Pat Killilea, and Fr. Alfie McHugh.

Fr. Tom served the Catholic Community in the Diocese of Honolulu as the Associate Pastor at St. Ann, Kaneohe, St. Patrick, Kaimuki, St. Augustine, Waikiki. He served as pastor at St. Joseph, Makawao, Maui, and St. Augustine, Waikiki. His last assignment was as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick Church. Due to ill health, he eventually moved to a care facility in the Kalihi area where he passed away peacefully on June 18, 2020.

He will be remembered for his boundless energy and the special attention he gave to the Pastoral work that was entrusted to him. Funeral arrangements are pending.

May he rest in the Eternal Peace of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary