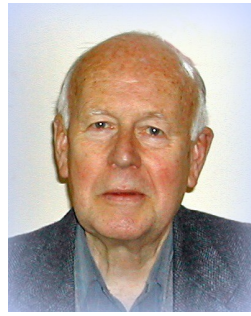


Fr John Jago SM

1.9.1932 ~ 17.7.2018



John Jago was born in Grafton, NSW, on 1st September 1932, the first of five children. After completing his schooling at St John's College, Lismore, he studied law at the University of Adelaide. He then practiced in Sydney for five years.

In 1961 he entered St Peter Chanel Scholasticate, Toongabbie, where his studies in philosophy and theology took place. His novitiate was at the Marist Novitiate, Armidale, where he was professed on 2nd February 1964. His ordination to the priesthood took place at St Patrick's, Church Hill, on 19th August 1967.

For three years from 1968 he studied Moral Theology at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, where in 1975 he was awarded an S.T.D. for his dissertation on J.H. Newman, "Freedom of Conscience and Vatican II".

He joined the staff of Marist College, Burnie, in 1971 and was the principal there from 1973-78. In 1979 he lectured in moral theology at the Catholic Theological College, Sydney.

He was appointed provincial superior of Australia and Japan for six years from 1979. From 1985-93 he served as Superior General of the Society of Mary.

In 1994 he joined the community at St Patrick's, Church Hill, where he remained until 1999. The following year he joined the Ashgrove-Herston community where he undertook retreat, reconciliation and moral advice work.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2005. Because of the side effects from the cancer treatment and increasing hearing and balance problems, he retired from active ministry in 2006.

He continued as a member of the Herston community until late 2011 when he joined the Maryvale/Montbel community at Hunters Hill.

In April 2018 John moved to the Southern Cross Aged Care facility at Marsfield, where he died peacefully on 17th July.

May he rest in well-deserved peace.