



Ottawa – The Most Reverend Attila Miklósházy, S.J., Bishop Emeritus for the pastoral care of Hungarian emigrants (worldwide), died on 28 December 2018 in Pickering, Ontario.

Bishop Miklósházy was born on 5 April 1931 in Diosgyor, Hungary. He entered the Society of Jesus at the Manreza in Budapest, Hungary in 1949. He began a long and distinguished career in academics, pursuing philosophical and theological studies at the Central Roman Catholic Theological Academy in Budapest (1950-1952), followed by additional philosophical studies in West Germany (1957). It was during his theological studies at Regis College in Toronto (1959-1963) that Bishop Miklósházy was ordained to the priesthood on 18 June 1961 by His Eminence James Cardinal MacGuigan. He completed his Doctoral studies in Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome (1965-1968).

Prior to his ordination to the priesthood, he was an orderly at St. Stephen Hospital, Budapest (1952-1957) and was also drafted into Hungarian military service (1953-1955). From 1957-1959, he served as Prefect for Kolleg Kalskburg near Vienna, Austria. In Canada, he was a Professor of Theology at Loyola College, Montréal (1963-1964), Regis College, Toronto (1967-1974), and the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto (1974-1984). While teaching at the University of St. Michael's College, he also served as Chairman of the Theology Department of the Toronto School of Theology from 1978 to 1980. He served in the dual capacities of Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of the Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, Ontario from 1984-1998, after which he became Professor Emeritus. On 12 August 1989, Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop in charge of the spiritual assistance to the Hungarian emigrant people, and Titular Bishop of Castel Minore. He was subsequently ordained to the episcopate by His Eminence Emmett Cardinal Carter on 4 November 1989 at Toronto, from where he served as the Bishop of the Hungarian Emigrants-Worldwide (*Episcopus Hungarorum in exteris*) until 2003.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Bishop Miklósházy was

a member of the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy (English Section) from 2000-2003.

Two funeral Masses were celebrated at St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish and St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto on 2 January and 3 January 2019 respectively.