

**Monsignor Canon Peter O'Neill (1939 – 2022)**



*Peter O'Neill was born on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1939 in Stockport. Educated at Saint Joseph's, Stockport and Saint Bede's College, Manchester before beginning his training for the priesthood at Ushaw College, Durham. He was ordained to the Priesthood at Saint Joseph's, Stockport on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1964.*

*Father Peter O'Neill undertook further studies at Cambridge University (1964 – 1967) where he studied Classics before returning to the teaching staff of Ushaw College (1967 – 1972) and subsequently at Upholland College (1972 – 1984), becoming Headmaster in 1974. On returning to the Diocese in 1984 he was appointed Chairman of the Diocesan Schools Commission where he served until 1998, initially based at Saint Werburgh's, Birkenhead (1984 – 1987). Father Peter was made an Honorary Canon and appointed to the College of Consulters.*

*In 1987, Canon O'Neill was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese (1987 – 2000) and as Parish Priest of Holy Name, Birkenhead (1987 – 1996). In 1988 he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Finance (1988 – 1998) and as a Trustee of the Diocese. He received the title 'Prelate of Honour' from Pope Saint John Paul II and was appointed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Monsignor O'Neill became Parish Priest of Saint Luke's, Frodsham (1996 – 2014). As Vicar General he was given special responsibilities for the East of the Diocese (1998 – 2000) and subsequently served as Episcopal Vicar for Christian Responsibility (2000 – 2006).*

*On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, he retired to Westways, Dunham-on-the-Hill. Monsignor Canon Peter O'Neill died on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Wythenshawe Hospital. May he rest in peace.*