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DEADLINE - Wednesdays, 12 pm

Peters Recipient For '89 Peace Medallion

The Frederiction YMCA-YWCA has announced that the recipient of the 1989 Peace Medallion is Rev. Monte Peters of the Campus Ministry at the University of New Brunswick. Father Peters is being recognized both for his service to students at the University and for his ability to inspire others to social action.

The YMCA Peace Medallion originated in Fredericton and is now awarded by YMCAs and YMCA-YWCAs across Canada to individuals within their local communities whose lives and activities have embodied the values expressed in the 1981 YMCA Would Council Statement of Peace, which reads, in Part: "The responsibility for peace begins with each person, in relationships with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities. There are no simple recipes for peace. It is we ourselves who must seek, act, pray for ways to be 'peacemakers'."

Monte Peters was born in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1942 and went on to study at Holy Heart Seminary. He was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on July 4, 1970 by Bishop J.N. MacNeil. His first posting was at Holy Trinity Parish in Saint John, after which he was attached to Saint Dunstan's Parish in Fredericton as Associate Pastor in August 1971.

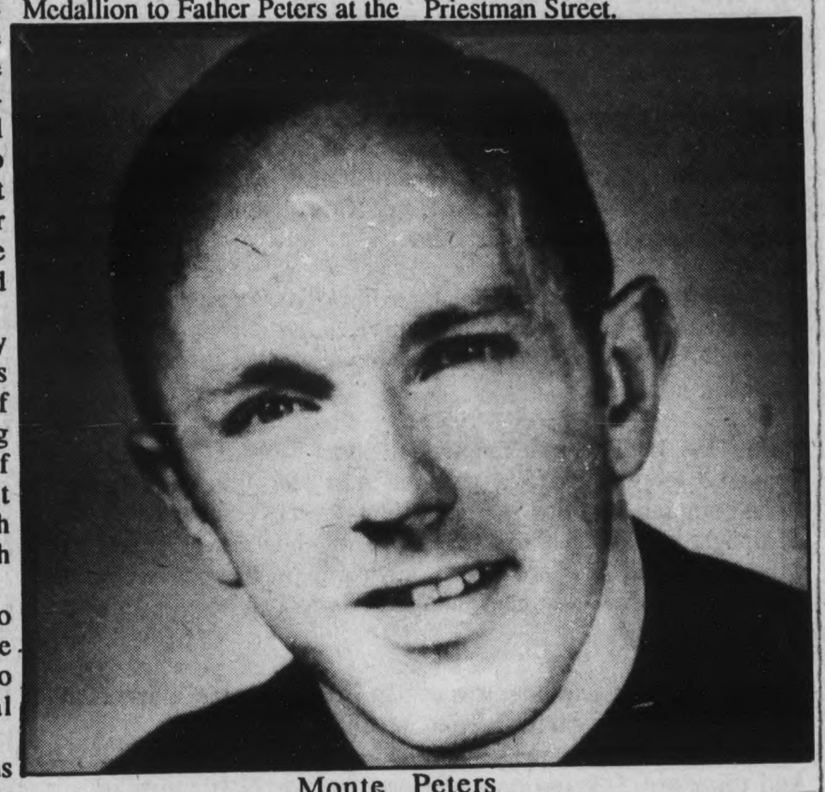
In addition to his parish duties, Father Peters was appointed Catholic Chaplain at UNB. Aside from a sabbatical year in England and Ghana, West Africa, 1976-77, Father Peters has been at the University ever since. In 1980, he was invited by the University to move onto campus as fellow-at-large and resident in a small apartment in the campus residence system.

He has frequently been instrumental in inspiring students for the Jamaican Hurricane relief effort. In 1984-85, he was instrumental in bringing together ten students who formed the "Students Help Ethiopia" campaign for drought relief. These students developed a innovative program whereby individuals could contribute to relief work in Africa by making contributions through their banks. The campaign raised $30,000. These funds received a three to one matching grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a total of $120,000 which was used to support YMCA Resettlement Camps in the Sudan for Ethiopian refugees from the Northern Provinces of Eritrea and Tigray.

In his post as University Chaplain, Father Peters has figured prominently in the grief ministry on campus, working with students at times of mourning, helping resident students, in particular, deal with the trauma surrounding the death of one of their own.

His greatest contribution to campus life has been the relationships he has been able to establish with individual students.

The YMCA Peace Medallions to be awarded in 75 communities across Canada were designed and produced by Fredericton Pewtersmith Carole Cronkhite, who will present the Fredericton Medallion to Father Peters at the YMCA Peace Week opening ceremonies to be held 8:00 pm, November 18, at Le Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne on Priestman Street.



Monte Peters

INTERESTED IN NEWS WRITING OR LAYOUT ?

A small workshop will be given next week on **November 8th (Wednesday night) at 7:00 pm in Rm. 203** in the Student Union Building.

Tips on general laying out and writing news stories will be discussed.

It is strongly suggested that any persons interested in these topics attend- including all **present** news reporters.

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