Reginald Hollis

Reginald Hollis served faithfully as husband and father, priest, bishop, and archbishop of Montreal. Born in Bedworth, England, he served in the Royal Air Force before studying theology at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He attended Montreal Diocesan Theological College at McGill as an exchange student, was ordained to the priesthood in Montreal in 1956, and married Marcia Crombie the following year. He was appointed Anglican chaplain to McGill, where he also lectured in the Faculty of Divinity; assistant rector at St Matthias, Westmount; rector of St Barnabas, Pierrefonds; rector of Christ Church, Beaurepaire; and director of Parish and Diocesan Services for the Diocese of Montreal. He was elected Bishop of Montreal in 1975 and then Archbishop of the ecclesiastical province of Canada in 1989. In 1990, he resigned to serve as International Director of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, based in Orlando, and as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. Following removal of a benign brain tumour, he served for several years as Rector of St Paul's, New Smyrna Beach. In 1997 he retired to Victoria, where he served part-time at St John's, Duncan and St Philip's, Oak Bay. Until recently he assisted at St Matthias, Victoria. He is survived by Marcia, his wife of 53 years, a daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren, and two sisters in England, Jean Hollis and Margaret Bennett.

Reg loved to preach, and his sermons focused on the love of God. While never loud, he was outspoken – and persistent – about being faithful to the Word. At home, he was gentle, patient, loving, humorous, and always kind. As priest and bishop, he showed the same qualities.
Funeral service to be held Monday, November 15, at 10:30am in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. Flowers gratefully declined. Memorial donations may be made to the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund. Condolences may be offered at

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