Dr. Francis Xavier Pinto, a long-time member of the Department of Religion and Philosophy in Education in the Faculty of Education at McGill University, died December 26, 1993. His early life was spent in India, especially Bombay, where he later worked with labour groups. He also spent thirteen years studying and teaching with the Jesuit order. Afterwards, he married Sylvia Pinto and they raised a family of seven children: Dilip, Dinesh, Sudhir, Devanand, Deepak, Gita, and Mohan.

Dr. Pinto was a teacher and professor whose time was spent in the service of peace and community. His life and spirit were given to the search for the way of peace through the study of the way of truth. He was a person of compassion, reflectiveness, and quiet strength. He was known as a superb teacher who always made himself available to students and colleagues. He taught in the Montreal public schools before joining the faculty of St. Joseph Teachers College, and, in 1970, accepted a position in the Faculty of Education of McGill University.

In addition to Dr. Pinto’s appointment in the Department of Religion and Philosophy, he was cross-appointed to the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology as well as the Department of Administrative and Policy Studies in Education.

Since his retirement, Dr. Pinto dedicated his time and efforts to the East Indian community by writing for the newspaper, Prahati, by helping found a community centre, and by engaging in numerous other cultural activities. In Chateauguay (Quebec) he helped in the founding of the Multicultural Mosaic where he took part in several cultural presentations and extended hospitality to many diverse groups, all with the objective of creating greater understanding between cultures.

Funeral services were held January 4, 1994, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in Chateauguay, Quebec. A memorial service was held for him at the McGill Faculty of Education on March 29, 1994.

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