

Thanking God for the life of Francis MacNutt

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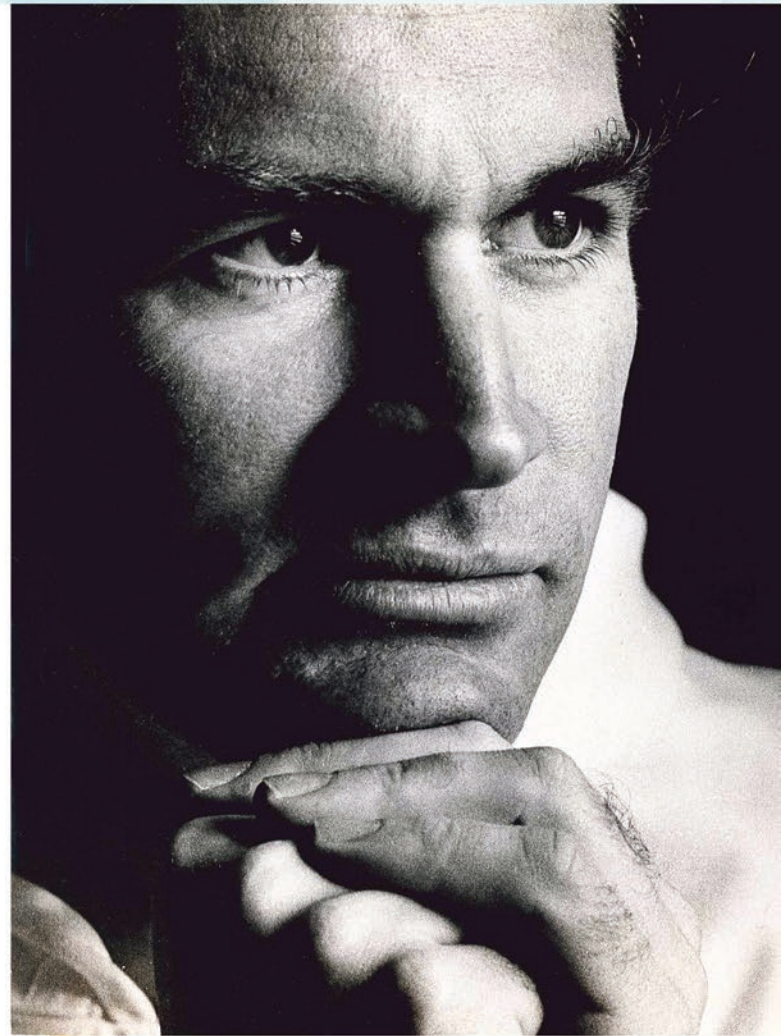
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The Reverend Dr. Francis Scott MacNutt, a beloved leader in the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal and an ecumenical leader in healing prayer ministry, died January 12, 2020 after a short illness. Francis was born in St. Louis, Missouri on April 22nd, 1925 to portrait painter J. Scott MacNutt and ballerina Agnes Cady MacNutt. He was predeceased by his younger sister Alex Usher (Rich).

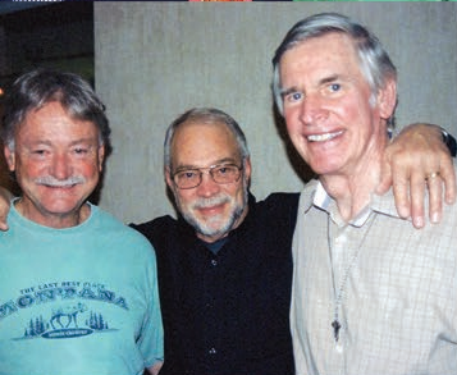
Francis inherited his parents' creative talent and sharp intellect and went on to study at Harvard University. His education was interrupted by World War II, during which Francis joined the Army Medical Corps. and was stationed at Fort Crowder, Missouri for two years. After his service he returned to Harvard and completed a degree in English, graduated with honors, and then studied for a master's degree in Speech and Drama at Catholic University of America in Washington D. C. During his time at Catholic University, he found inspiration in Thomas Merton's *Seven Storey Mountain* and felt a call from God to the priesthood.

He was ordained a Dominican priest in 1956 and completed his Ph.D. in theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology, where he excelled as a professor of preaching. With an extensive background in Speech and Drama and gifts in preaching and communication, he was elected President of the national Catholic Homiletics Society and founded the journal, *Preaching*, in 1965. He also authored the book, *Evaluating Preaching Effectiveness*, and held seminars on preaching throughout the United States.

In 1967 Francis' life took a dramatic and unexpected turn when he experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit



at a Camp Farthest Out conference. That conference became the watershed event of his life. There he met Agnes Sanford, a pioneer in the healing prayer and pastoral care movement, who became his mentor, and also Rev. Tommy Tyson, a Methodist minister and leader in the Charismatic movement, who became his lifelong friend. Tommy traveled with Francis and his ministry team throughout the world on healing missions. Francis founded Merton House



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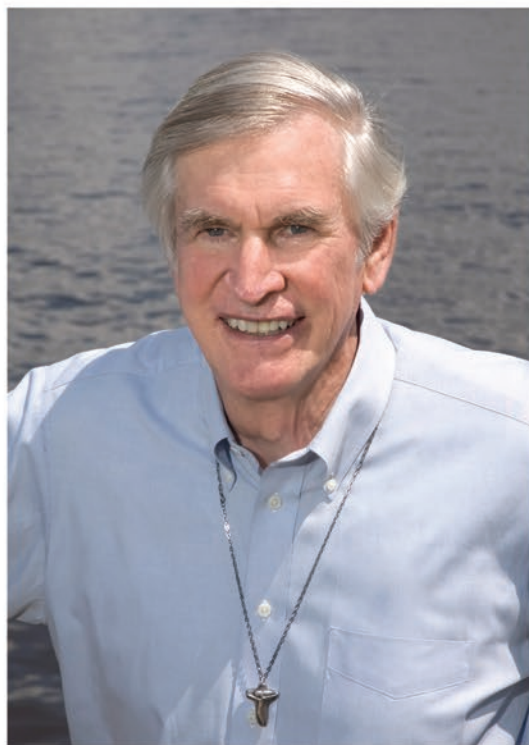
in St. Louis, a non-profit ministry that focused on Life in the Holy Spirit and healing prayer, as well as living with and among the poor.

Francis possessed a unique ability to lovingly bridge the gap between Christian groups, and his gifts of compassion and healing made him a beloved speaker in both Catholic and Protestant circles. With a team of teachers that included both men and women, he traveled worldwide with a message of God's love through healing prayer and life in the Holy Spirit. Francis was a featured speaker at all major conferences of the Charismatic Renewal. In 1974 he wrote *Healing*, a book used throughout the world by churches, seminaries and lay people. It has become a classic text on all aspects of the ministry of healing prayer. He went on to write seven more vital books dealing with the history, theology and scriptural foundations of healing.

In 1975, while speaking at the World Conference on the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem, Francis met Judith Sewell, a Psychotherapist and missionary who was leading a local house of prayer. They crossed paths several times over the next few years and formed a strong friendship. Realizing that their friendship had become a significant source of life and love for them both, they sought the will of the Lord in prayer and counsel and, in 1980, they married.

Francis and Judith's complimentary gifts and passion for the healing ministry made them a very effective husband and wife team in life and in ministry. They founded Christian

Healing Ministries in 1980. Francis and Judith moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1985, where they founded an international center for healing prayer. Francis had a great influence among Christians worldwide. In the mid-2000s, about 100 (from 30+ countries) journeyed to



wisdom and deep compassion that was greatly missed.

A celebration of life will be held at John's Cathedral on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception. All who love Jesus and the Church of Christ are invited.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Christian Healing Ministries, P.O. Box 32208, Jacksonville, FL 32208; www.christianhealingministries.org

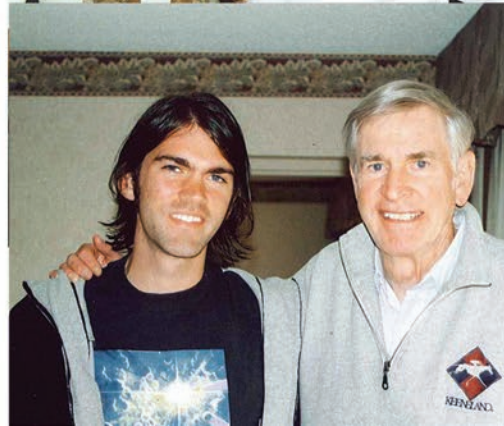
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30 and, at the invitation of Bishop Frank I Diocese and his wife Emmy, relocated to 1987. Christian Healing Ministries has been for ministry and training for 40 years, holding clergy and lay people of all denominations. 500 Catholic charismatic priests and lay wide Catholic Charismatic Renewal (50 Jacksonville to learn from Francis and Judith the Schools of Healing Prayer®. Christian Healing Ministries has educated and trained thousands as prayer ministers through their Healing School of Healing Prayer®. Francis adored his wife Judith and delighted being a father to his beloved children, Rachel and David, to whom he imparted wisdom, encouragement and faith. Together as a family, they grew in the shelter of one another, always living with His love and forgiving with His grace. During his final weeks, Francis was comforted by the surrounding love and prayers of his family and devoted friends. Francis was a pioneer in his field who dedicated his life to restoring the legacy of healing to the Church. His extraordinary passion for all who are suffering will be

A memorial service for Francis will be held at St. Mary's Church, Jacksonville, FL, on Monday, February 9, at 3:00 pm, to be followed by a reception. Those whose lives were touched by this humble servant

his family has requested that contributions go to Christian Healing Ministries, 438 West 67th St. Jacksonville, FL 32211. For more information, visit [healingmin.org](http://www.healingmin.org). ☞

Francis lived



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