

## **Generosity of Spirit**

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**W**e were friends of Father Tom's for 40 years through the Teilhard Association. What is especially remembered by us is generosity of spirit and how open and kind he was with everyone he met. He listened with an open mind to everyone. We were privileged to have him say two family masses for us—once in our home at Easter of 1995 and the other up at his home in Riverdale. He also married one of our daughters.

With our children he was interested in what they had to say, as well as my husband's mother who was nearly 90. At the Easter mass, he spoke about the purity of water—how can we be healthy if our water is contaminated. We loved his energy and patience and that he was always open to new ideas. He was young at heart. He opened up a whole new world to us.