

## CCAC'S LOVED ONES BURSARY HONOREE

### Elroy Joseph, ODT

Elroy Joseph was born in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He attended St. Vincent Grammar School formerly Boys Grammar School. After graduating, Mr. Joseph worked for the Ministry of Transport & Works in the Government of St. Vincent in the field of accounting before migrating to Canada on April 7, 1970.

After a number of unsuccessful applications, Mr. Joseph eventually got three offers at one time within the Ontario Public Service in the of Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Education and with the Ontario Provincial Police. Mr. Joseph chose the Ministry of Transportation to continue in accounting from where he left off in St. Vincent and began there on May 4, 1970. He remained with that ministry until his retirement in 2008. During his time at the ministry, Mr. Joseph attended Ryerson Polytechnic Institute where he obtained a diploma in accounting as well as York University where he pursued studies in business administration. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Joseph was a Senior Information Officer.



Elroy Joseph, ODT shakes hands with Archbishop Johnson.

Mr. Joseph, a devout Anglican, served in various roles at The Church of Nativity, Malvern. He was one of the wardens that negotiated the purchase and ultimate building that the church stands on today. He has been part of the Men's Fellowship Ministry, sings tenor in the choir, has been the envelope secretary and has served in fundraising and as a sides-person and warden. He can be counted on when something needs to get done and is known for his good humour, diligence and precision. For his years of unwavering dedication to supporting the Church of the Nativity, Mr. Joseph was awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT), an

award created in 2013 by the church to honour members of the laity in the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry.

In addition to his work and service to his church, Mr. Joseph has served on various committees in the SVG community in Toronto.

Elroy Joseph has two adult children, a daughter and a son and a beautiful granddaughter. He lives with his wife Violet in Scarborough, Canada.

In light of his contribution to the community in various areas and his desire to give his very best to his creator, his family and to his community, and a guiding light for future generations to follow, it is fitting to name a bursary in honour of Mr. Elroy Joseph through the Council of Caribbean Associations-Canada.

His advice to recipients and young people alike is to 'be conscientious in everything that you do, know how to interact with people and be diligent in your work'.