

Rome, Saint John Lateran, August 17, 2021

Dear brother:

I thank you for your kind letter of August 10, in which you informed me of the death of Father Olivier Maire, as well as of the consternation it caused for the whole Company of Mary and for the parents of the religious.

I beg you to convey to them all my closeness and my prayer for the soul of Father Olivier. I pray to the Lord that by appearing before the Tribunal of God, as this ancient prayer of the Society says, he will be welcomed into the loving arms of the Sweet Mother of mercy, as the faithful servant who gave his life in service of the last.

May Jesus bless you and accompany you and may the Blessed Virgin take care of all the members of the Company and keep them under her mantle.

Fraternally,

Pope Francis