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Father Georges FLIEG, S.M.M.
(1924 – 2014)

who died in Pau (France), on 2 January 2014,
aged 89 with 67 years of Religious Profession.

Father Georges Etienne Flieg was born on 26 December 1924 in Brunstatt (Haut Rhin), the son of Joseph Flieg and Célestine Uberfill. His father was a nurse. Father Flieg had three sisters (Marie Anne and Marie Thérèse, and a sister who died in infancy) and one brother (Bernard). He was baptised on 4 January 1925.

Father Flieg began his long journey with the Montfort Missionaries when he entered the Apostolic School in Pelousey in 1934. He stayed there until 1939, then continued his studies at the Apostolic School of the Calvary at Pontchâteau from 1939 to 1940. Then came the terrible years of the war; he continued his secondary schooling at the Lycée of Mulhouse from 1940 to 1942. It was then that he was forced to enrol in the German army from 1942 to 1945.

After the War, he did his novitiate in Chézelles (Indre et Loire), where he made his first vows on 8 September 1946. From 1946 to 1952, he studied at the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu, where he made his perpetual vows on 8 December 1950 and was ordained deacon on 18 February 1951 (St Bernadette). Father Flieg was ordained priest on 16 July 1951 (the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel) in Strasbourg by Mgr Weber.

Father Flieg was then appointed to Haiti. He left France on 3 October 1952 and arrived in Haiti on 18 October. From 1952 until 1959 he was a curate in several parishes of the diocese of Port-de-Paix (St Louis du Nord, 1952-1953; Jean Rabel, 1953-1955; Port-de-Paix, 1955-1959). He became administrator of the parish of Anse à Foleur for a year (1959), then he was preaching missions in Port au Prince from 1960 to 1962. Next he was made novice-master from 1962 to 1964 in Lavaud. From 1964 to 1980, he was responsible for the catechetical school in Cap Haïtien; a very important mission when you know the role of catechists. From 1980 until 1989, he was resident at the Foyer de Charité Sainte-Marie in Port-au-Prince, where he preached retreats. This is what Father Joseph Larose, a Haitian Montfort Missionary, has to say of Father Flieg:

“I do not need to say much of this holy man, Father Georges Flieg, whom I knew at Sainte-Marie. He was a man who was passionate about the Blessed Virgin, and a man who loved silence very much. I retain a very good memory of his time in the Foyer Sainte-Marie. The young people of the community had great admiration and a great love for him, especially when he celebrated the Eucharist.”

In 1989, it was time to return to France; he was appointed to the community of Chézelles; he left there on 31 October 2002 when this community was closed. Then he left for Brunstatt, his native town. During all the years he spent in France, Father Flieg devoted all his time and his missionary energy to the *Marian Movement for Priests*, leading their *Cenacles*. How many kilometres did he cover then? His nephew (M. Sébastien Dujardin) says of his uncle:

“He will remain for me and all of you who knew him an ‘eternal’ globe-trotter in the name of God and his Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin.”

It was during one of his missionary journeys in a religious community of the diocese of Bayonne that the Lord came to call Father Flieg on 2 January 2014 after a few days in hospital. Indefatigable, he had something to say right to the end. May Our Lady welcome him into the dwelling-place of her Son!



Father Thomas GERIS, S.M.M.

(1935 – 2014)

who died in Zoersel (Belgium), on 15 January 2014,
aged 78 with 56 years of Religious Profession.

Tom was born in Gellik (B) on 13th March 1935. After primary school in his village he went to Rotselaar for his secondary schooling (1947-1954). He wanted to become a Montfortian priest, but he first did his military service (at the time it was 18 months). He did his noviciate in D'Hoppe (B) and took his first vows on 8th September 1957. Then he did his scholasticate in Oirschot (NL) and was ordained priest on 24th March 1963. He dreamed of doing missionary work, a dream that came true.

First he learned French in the neighbourhood of Paris and after the usual sermons and collections in favour of his future mission, he left at the end of 1963 for the Congo. Already in the first months of 1964 there was a rebellion in the south-east of the country which soon spread to Stanleyville (now Kisangani). Tom started his missionary work in these days of chaos. It was all completely different from what he had in mind. But he managed to survive the storms of the rebellion together with most of his confreres and sisters. Back in Belgium he was able to recover and became a teacher of religion in a technical school in Mechelen a/d Maas. But the call of the Congo never really left him and in 1968 he left again. It was the start of a very beautiful time. Being a ‘jungle father’ was really his cup of tea. Tom never cared for great theories but he was a man of action, close to the people. In a way the country was peaceful, but there was some bitterness as well. Tom was one of the few missionaries in the diocese who had survived the rebellion and

more than anyone else he sensed the tension. It was with great regret he returned to Belgium in 1977.

It was not the first time that the vicariate of the military forces had asked for a chaplain, especially for the barracks in Germany. The province suggested Tom might be the right person. Without hesitation he accepted the job. A new beginning. It was the time when serving in the army was compulsory and a lot of soldiers lived in Germany with their wives and children. People much appreciated a warm and social atmosphere and this was exactly Tom's strength: to be with the people, organize first communion feasts, catechism, weddings, sharing the joys and woes of the soldiers and their families. Again he was fully and completely a priest.

After the Berlin wall collapsed in 1989 and the boarders in Europe were no longer a strict issue the Belgian military people gradually returned home. In 1992 Tom joined them and after that he served as a chaplain in different places in the north of the country till he retired in 2000. So what do you do when you are 65 and a retired priest? In the past when he was still a chaplain he had already assisted in different parishes. Now he was offered a fulltime job as curate in the federation of Merksplas and he was given a place to stay in the smaller parish of Zondereigen. In 2012 the Sisters of the convent of Betlehem asked him to become their pastor and at the same time pastor of 't Zwart Goor, a large care centre for adults with a physical and/or mental handicap. Due to his warm character he soon became a well-loved and much-appreciated person who often visited the people in their own houses. At the same time he continued serving the parishes of Merksplas and Zondereigen.

In July 2013 he went on holiday with his family. On this occasion he realized something was wrong with his body. His family advised him to consult a doctor and not without a reason. His calvary started in August: pancreas cancer; an operation was necessary, waiting and hoping for the best. Tom was very well aware of his critical situation and the day before his operation he asked for the sacrament of Extreme Unction. It was a very complex surgery and it appeared to be successful. After a long time in hospital he returned to Zwart Goor for rehabilitation. Short walks in the beautiful gardens and most of all the warm welcome of the Sisters gave him strength but not for long. He knew things were not right. In the meantime it was Advent, Christmas time. Tom asked again for the comfort of Extreme Unction. Afterwards he took my hand and said: 'I am ready'. And so it was Christmas, the time of our Lord's coming; many of us imagined that Tom was about to meet Him now.

Tom never was very talkative, he usually took his time before giving an answer. And when the answer came it was short and clear. And also: Tom always meant what he said and did what he said. In those last days the answers to questions on pain or other feelings took even more time than before. What thoughts did he have in mind? Talking about the Congo drew his attention and then it was clear he was interested. It was very difficult speaking with a dry mouth but his eyes made it clear that he enjoyed the conversation. He had a lucid mind till the very end. It was a true moment of grace when all his confreres of his community came to visit him in hospital and it did him good to pray together with them.

On 15th January, the day he died, we listened to young Samuel's story: he thought he had heard God's voice. When he was sure it was God calling, he shouted loud and clear: 'Lord, here I am'. That's the way I imagine Tom's passing away, in those few moments before he died, clearly very lucid.

We are very grateful to the Sisters of Zwart Goor and especially to the members of his family who since August went to visit him in hospital every day and we would like to thank them for all they meant to our confrere. May our Tom find peace now in the Lord.



Father Giovanni MANZONI, S.M.M.

(1928 – 2014)

who died in Redona - Bergamo (Italy), on 10 March 2014,
aged 85 with 66 years of Religious Profession.

Father Giovanni was born in Pedrengo (Bg) on 6 August 1928. At the age of 11, he entered the apostolic school in Redona, with the desire to become a missionary. He made his novitiate in Belgirate (No) in 1947, the year of the canonisation of St Louis Marie de Montfort, then made his first vows on 8 September. He went to Loreto (An) for his theology studies and was ordained priest in the Holy House on 28 February 1953. Father Giovanni thus began his missionary journey which he would pursue ever after with a great sense of duty and even with passion.

From 1954 to 1961, he was in the community of Villa S. Maria, in charge of vocations promotion. With his young priest's enthusiasm, he went tirelessly from village to village on his Lambretta. Numerous youngsters were sent to the seminary and several of them became priests. After this, obedience called Father Giovanni to be spiritual director in the scholasticate in Rome (1961-1963) and in the apostolic school in Reggio Calabria (1963-1964).

Then began a new phase, with many years spent in supporting missionary confreres abroad, first of all in Arona (No), from 1964 to 1967, as superior, then procurator, in Caravaggio, from 1967 to 1971 and from 1979 to 1982. This was the time of the missionary fairs for the collection of funds and the provision of merchandise. He returned to the Procure in the years 1988-2000. As well as this, Father Giovanni, from 1971 to 1973, was a curate in the parish of Ginosa. Sent to Treviglio, he then dedicated himself to preaching, and in 1978 received his appointment to the new Montfortian residence in Croce di Menaggio (Co).

In the meantime, new concerns were emerging for Father Giovanni. In the footsteps of Montfort, he had a care for the new poor, in particular for drug addicts, for the homeless and for prisoners. For one year (1983-1984) he lived in a community for rehabilitation in Piona (Lc). He went back there in 1986 for a further two years, after a brief interlude in the community in Genoa, living as a father and brother among the young residents. He established after this the association Opera Buon Samaritano, in a desire to achieve a more organic work of caring in collaboration with lay people. The experience was not without its difficulties.

In the same way over the years spent in the community of Villa S. Maria, from 2000 to 2013, Father Giovanni never ceased to spend himself for others, visiting prisoners, welcoming those released from prisons and detention centres, helping all who were in need. During this time he was also available for preaching, hearing confessions

and accompanying pilgrimages. His missionary zeal was not diminished. In particular he helped his missionary nephew in Madagascar, Father Orazio Rossi.

Father Giovanni remained in the Villa S. Maria as long as his health allowed, then he agreed to retire to the Villa Montfort. He passed the last months of his life in serenity, not speaking much, his Rosary always in his hand. He completed his earthly journey on 10 March 2014 at the age of 85. His funeral was celebrated in the church of Mary Queen of All Hearts, and he is now at rest in the cemetery of Pedrengo (Bg).



Brother Joseph RENO, S.M.M.

(1938 – 2014)

who died in Montpellier (France), on 21 April 2014,
aged 76 with 58 years of Religious Profession.

Brother Joseph Renou was born on 5 April 1938 in Coron (Maine et Loire), the son of Pierre Coron and Marie Ange Bremond. He was baptised on 7 April 1938. From 1949 to 1953, Joseph attended the Apostolic School of the Calvary at Pontchâteau.

On 25 September 1953, Joseph entered the postulancy of the Brothers. Then he began his novitiate in Chézelles (Indre et Loire) on 18 March 1954; it was there that he made his first vows on 7 October 1955 and his perpetual profession on 7 October 1960.

Brother Joseph was to be above all a gardener, in Chézelles first of all (from October 1955 to May 1956), then in Seyne sur Mer (from November 1956 to October 1957), with a gap in Saint-Laurent sur Sèvre, where he was also an electrician (May to November 1956).

In 1957, Brother Joseph left for Spain, his first “foreign” missionary experience. He was a monitor at the minor seminary of Andrés Tamayo in Madrid from 1957 until 1960.

From 1960 to 1966, he was back in France where he took up gardening again, but also farming: at the Apostolic School in Pelousey (from 1960 to 1964), again at Chézelles for a short time (May to October 1964), and finally at the scholasticate in Montfort sur Meu (1964-1966).

The “new missionary ventures” of the French Province took Brother Joseph to the Paris region; he became a “working Brother” as a landscape gardener in Dourdan (from 1966 to 1970), then in Corbeil and Grigny (1970-1981). Brother Joseph was to be involved in the trades union movement and in the movement of Catholic Action as a worker-missionary: JOC and ACO (*Action Catholique Ouvrière*); he would retain his links and strong friendships that he formed.

At the height of his involvement with the Worker Mission of the diocese of Corbeil, Brother Joseph agreed to go once more to the foreign missions; a rupture and a great change, since he left on 30 July 1981 for Zaire (in the mission of Opala). In this way he responded to a desire he had had since 1949: “to be a missionary to help the poor.”

He was to use his farming expertise in the coffee, rubber and palm plantations, The fifteen years he had spent in the world of French workers, with their trades union struggles, gave him a rare sensitivity for the conditions of the Zairian agricultural workers, conditions often characterised by lack of respect and by exploitation. He stayed in Zaire until August 1985.

After a year's transition in France, Brother Joseph set off abroad again. Abandoning plans to go to Madagascar he was led to another island: he went to Haiti for the mission in the Ile de la Tortue (he left France on 10 November 1986). He was to spend twenty-one years in Haiti, where he occupied several positions, principally in the diocese of Port-de-Paix. He put his building skills at the service of several Religious communities. His wide network of friendships in France permitted him to help a great number of people in need.

He returned to France in 2007, and was then appointed to the community of Notre Dame in La Gardiolle. Until March 2014, Brother Joseph took in hand the landscape management of this large property, thus returning to his work as a landscape gardener. He loved to see work well done, with impeccable lawns, well-pruned trees, and so on. It was his way of living in that harmony and beauty that had been the lot of Adam in the earthly Paradise...

During the final months of 2013, he learnt with surprise that he had a cancer of the stomach, even though he did not feel ill. He courageously came to grips with his illness and the severe chemotherapy treatment that went along with it. He would talk about it calmly and with assurance, in complete confidence. At the end of March 2014, he was taken to hospital for the removal of his stomach; it was there that the post-operative complications caught up with him. He died in the clinic in Montpellier on 21 April, Easter Monday, after several days in a coma. His long Lent and Holy Week had brought him to the Joy and Glory of the Resurrection. Brother Joseph was laid to rest in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. May he enter into the Joy of his Master!



Father Jean-Marie PEUZET, S.M.M.

(1924 – 2014)

who died in St Laurent sur Sèvre (France), on 22 April 2014,
aged 89 with 69 years of Religious Profession.

Father Jean-Marie Julien Peuzet was born on 2 September 1924 in Sion-les-Mines (Loire Atlantique), the son of Julien Peuzet and Yvonne Brossier, both working people. Jean-Marie was baptised on the day of his birth. He pursued his secondary studies at the Apostolic School of the Calvary in Pontchâteau from 1938 to 1943. After his year of novitiate in Chézelles, he made his first vows on 8 September 1944. Then he left for the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu, where he made his perpetual vows on 21 September 1949. Cardinal Roques, Archbishop of Rennes, ordained him sub-deacon in the Major Seminary on 9 October 1949, deacon in the Cathedral on 17 December 1949, and priest at the Abbey in Montfort-sur-Meu on 19 February 1950.

Father Jean-Marie was immediately appointed to the Malawi Mission, then known as Shiré. He left Southampton on 8 December 1950 and arrived at his destination on 26 December 1950. After one year learning Chichewa in Mlanje (until April 1951), he went to the parish of Mpiri for his pastoral work, and he stayed there until 1957. In the meantime he was appointed superior of the Montfortian community in 1953. After his leave in 1957, he went to the mission of Ulale where he was also superior until his leave in 1964. Returning to Malawi in 1965, he founded the missions of Matiya (1965-1970) and Liwonde (1971-1978). After four years in Putea (Lingoni), he returned to Liwonde in 1982 (the delicacy of Providence, he wrote to the Provincial!) where he stayed until 1987, at which date he left for Namitembo (1987-1997) and Sitima, where he remained until his return to France in 1999. In 1993, Father Jean-Marie was awarded the Medal of Merit.

After a short stay in the community of the Holy Spirit in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, Father Jean-Marie joined the community of La Chartreuse d'Auray on 1 September 1999. For health reasons, he returned to Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre on 1 October 2000. Gradually old age and sickness (notably a cerebral haemorrhage in 2005) were to cause numbness in his limbs and his spirit, but Father Jean-Marie was to retain to the end his gentleness, and hearing a few words in Chichewa would always raise a smile on his face and a few words on his lips. He was to live out his last Holy Week with a remarkable presence, as though preparing his own Easter, which occurred on Tuesday 22 April in Easter Week...

The various circular letters that he used to send to his numerous friends and acquaintances show us a missionary who was full of goodness, wisdom, the spirit of faith, an invincible hope and a deep charity for his parishioners.

Writing from Matiya in June 1967, he expresses wonderment at the kindness of people always ready to render him various services and to “get him out of a fix”, and, as for himself, he judged himself “very demanding” with regard to his workers. He saw himself as sent to build churches, maternity units, dispensaries, schools; and he was aware that he had also to dig wells and open up roads and re-plant trees, “for perseverance and tenacity are part of the baggage of any missionary.” But what is important for him is human and fraternal contact with the people: “isn’t this the best method to draw them to

God and also to a little more of material well-being. To understand them... so as to love them. To love them so as to understand them. To make oneself one of them. To accept to share with them their stew of maize and dry fish... What an enrichment for the missionary!!" Again he writes in December 1967: "I would be a fool to think that I have everything to give and nothing to receive. Even if I had learnt only this truth: to learn to keep quiet sometimes... to allow others to speak and to listen to them... It is in these genuine, personal, human contacts... in the village, that we learn to know ourselves, to value ourselves, to love ourselves." And again: "I told myself that the only Gospel message I should offer them was to share my bread with them while waiting to give them the means to gain their own. There is no religious liberation, no liberation at all, without economic, social and political liberation." In December 1968, he gave "witness to the heroic courage" of the population that was tried yet smiling, and he took on the role of philosopher when he concluded "that joy, a smile for and against everything, are the most beautiful things in the world. A good lesson for us!!" A missionary work with everyone: "we work in close collaboration with the whole population, without distinction of religious allegiance; Catholic, Protestant and all denominations, pagans and of course a few Muslims... what an example of unity, of entente, of ecumenism" (June 1969). Then he describes the countenance of his parishioners: "its deepest heart lies in serenity, politeness, hospitality, charity." And just before leaving again for Malawi in December 1970, he wrote: "My heart is African. It is only there that I feel myself fully a man and fully a priest, for while we are building the Church of God we are building the Malawian nation."

In May 1971, before leaving for the Liwonde mission that he was going to establish, he wrote: "In Malawi, if you believe you don't have time to chat and listen, then truly you are wasting your time." He was to spend the first months there in a caravan belonging to the public works, and was to meet the first Christians in a world that was above all Muslim: "We feel this joy in opening the Liwonde Mission. A tremendous sense of simple but ardent faith that makes me think of the early years of the Church." And to the Provincial he declared: "I am happy to be a priest in the midst of this charming people; and I feel the immense joy of playing my part, however small it may be, in the human and Christian advancement of the whole of this region." In October 1971 he reported that the Muslims were surprised but happy to see him greeting everyone without distinction of religion... Besides, he would say of a Muslim chief in Sifa: "from the point of view of charity, justice and human relations, it has to be said that he could teach many Christians a thing or two!" (December 1971; and in December 1973 he would again speak of his "good friend" the Muslim chief with whom he had struggled to open a primary school). In May 1973, he described the "Montfortian" way of celebrating tercentenaries in this way: "In our own way, without any spectacle but with fervour, we celebrated the tercentenary of the birth of our Founder."

Hardly arrived in his new mission of Putea, he would say: "I am happy wherever there is good to be done" (September 1979). The population was mostly Muslim with a Protestant chief who was "open and sympathetic"... Father Jean-Marie was always open to hear the wisdom of the people: "Joy and smiles always and everywhere! Fatalism, some might say. But might it not be, rather, quite simply human wisdom?? To overcome a difficult situation, optimism is a better ally than moroseness or continual recrimination" (December 1980). For him, life was never monotonous, for "it is always up-lifting because it is at the service of others" (December 1981). All his time was given for others: "to welcome everyone, with a kind word for each as though he or she were my only

visitor for the day... I have the impression of having wasted my time!!! And yet, when I reflect well on it, I believe that the sum of joy and of happiness instilled in the hearts of these casual visitors, is immeasurable. After all, that is what counts. And I sleep with my heart completely at peace!!!” (December 1981).



**Father Vincent Augustine KOMBARAKARAN, S.M.M.
(1949 – 2014)**

who died in Cherukunnu, Kerala (India), on 25 April 2014,
aged 64 with 34 years of Religious Profession.

Rev. Fr. Vincent Augustine Kombarakaran, S.M.M., was born on 3rd November 1949 at Kattoor, Trichur District, Kerala into a Syrian Catholic Family. After the completion of High School in Pompie St. Mary's H.S., Kattoor, he had moved to Andhra Pradesh and spent some time in Vizag working and later joined St. Joseph's Brothers in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. He joined the Montfort Missionaries on the 11th June 1976 and studied philosophy at Dharmaram College. In 1978 he did his novitiate under the guidance of Fr. Attilio Corna and on 31 May 1979 made his first profession. He continued his theological studies at Dharmaram and on 9 January 1983 he made his Final vows at Guru Mandir, Mysore and was ordained a deacon on 2nd February 1983 by Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathias Fernandes, the Bishop of Mysore. The ordination to Priesthood was conferred by Rt. Rev. Dr. James Pazhayattil, Bishop of Irinjalakuda on 25th March 1983.

Fr. Vincent served the Indian SMM as the bursar and later as the farm in-charge. He had a natural talent for farm work: be it cultivation or animal husbandry. At the same time he also rendered long service in the parishes in Bangalore (St. Patrick's 1991-1995), Kerala (Diocese of Kannur, 1996-2003) and in Andhra Pradesh (Santhinagar, Diocese of Srikakulam 2006-2008). He was able to speak all the four languages of South India besides English, which helped him to give pastoral care to the people. He also served as the Rector of our Minor Seminary in Mysore and as the member of the Provincial Council (2003-2006).

Given all his talents, Fr. Vincent's life has been a struggle to live in the community. He was service-minded, good at heart, but overly independent and prone to emotional outburst. These last two did not permit him to have deeper relationships with confreres. However, he served God and the congregation in his own way till the end.

During the annual retreat, from 15-20 April 2013 in Mysore he manifested the first symptoms of a deteriorating health. After a diagnosis made at St. Philomena's hospital, Bangalore it was clear he has been suffering from lung cancer. To the therapy given at HGC Bangalore he did not respond positively. On the suggestion of his friends Fr. Vincent preferred to have an Ayurvedic treatment from Shimoga. On 3rd November 2013, with his friends and well-wishers, he celebrated his last birth day with us. We saw him happy, radiant and joyful during the entire celebration.

From 12th December 2013 he moved to Anugraha community at Sumanahalli, Bangalore and was quite happy to be there with children. On the 4th March 2014, Fr. Vincent accompanied by Fr. Gerard Smith went to Kerala to Montfort Nilayam community, Thokkanamotta. From there he went about visiting his friends, as though he was saying goodbye to them. In the meantime, confreres continued to meet him showing their closeness to him. By 7th April Fr. Cletus, the Provincial Superior sent a message to all confreres announcing the deteriorating health condition of Fr. Vincent and requested their prayers. The Easter Triduum had set in (17-20 April) and it was during the Easter Octave, God had sent his angels to accompany Fr. Vincent to the Father's house. On Friday the 25th April 2014 around 3 O'clock, Fr. Vincent had developed acute breathlessness. Mr. Peter, his cousin with the help of Precious Blood Sisters rushed him to the hospital in Cherukunnu run by the Cannossian Sisters. At 9.15 p.m., on the same day, Fr. Vincent breathed his last passing into Eternal Jerusalem. His funeral was celebrated in Karanchira, Kattoor.



Father Ambrogio GANDOLFI, S.M.M.

(1938 – 2014)

who died in Redona-Bergamo (Italy), on 22 May 2014,
aged 75 with 50 years of Religious Profession.

Ambrogio Gandolfi was born on 4 June 1938 in Ponte San Pietro (Bg). In 1959, aged 21, he gave up his career as a barber and joined the Montfort Missionaries. After three years of secondary studies, when he began the college course in 1962, he was admitted to the novitiate in Rome, where he made his first vows on 28 September 1963. He continued his formation course with college studies, and then theology at the Pontifical Lateran University. He made his perpetual profession on 29 September 1970, and was ordained priest on 6 March in the scholasticate church in Rome, under the patronage of St Louis Marie de Montfort.

As a young priest, Father Ambrogio was appointed to the community in Treviglio (Bg) for preaching, and he remained there until 1976. Afterwards, obedience called him to Naples, first of all in the community attached to the church of Saints Severino and Sossio, then in the parish of *Santa Maria di Ogni Bene ai Sette Dolori*.

In 1979, after a sabbatical year spent in the Capuchin Fraternity of Santa Margherita Ligure (Ge), Father Ambrogio returned to Treviglio (Bg). He entered into the Neo-Catechumenal experience and as an itinerant catechist preached the Gospel with a team of lay people in Sicily and Sardinia. In the years that followed, Father Ambrogio did not fail to make his joyful contribution to the *Cammino*, finding in this the possibility to respond to his aspirations as a Montfort Missionary.

In 1983, he joined the community in the Via Cori in Rome. In the parish of *Santa Maria Mediatrix*, he dedicated himself in particular to the pastoral care of the Sacred Heart area. When the Congregation left the parish in 1989, Father Ambrogio received an

obedience to the Montfortian Marian Centre. Afterwards, in relationship with the community of Bianco (Re), he took on the pastoral responsibility for the parish of Plati (Rc) for one year (1993-1994), then returned to Rome to the community of *Regina dei Cuori*.

Father Ambrogio carried out his ministry in various Italian dioceses, either in itinerant preaching, or in support of the Montfort Missionaries' works. He loved contact with people, and knew how to make himself loved by them. Despite a rather unusual personality, style of life and apostolic work, he succeeded, thanks to his way of being simple and joyful, in transmitting the love of God, devotion to Mary and trust in divine Providence.

In 2008, due to health problems, he was welcomed into the community of Redona-Villa Montfort. There, somewhat unexpectedly, he finished his earthly pilgrimage on 22 May 2014. His funeral, celebrated in the church of Our Lady Queen of All Hearts, was noticeable for the participation of numerous confreres and a significant representation of the Neo-Catechumenal community. He is buried in the cemetery of his native village of Ponte San Pietro (Bg).



Father Jean RAIMBAULT, S.M.M.
(1929 – 2014)

who died in Paris (France), on 6 June 2014,
aged 85 with 62 years of Religious Profession.

Jean Louis Jules was born on 4 May 1929 in St-Quentin-en-Mauges (Maine et Loire), the son of Albert Raimbault and Marie Rabin. Jean remained always very attached to his family: to Albert his twin brother (who died a year ago), his sister Marie Renée (also dead) and his sister Hélène, Sister Jeanne de Chantal of the Augustinians of Charity, who is present here today. Father Raimbault was always present for the happy (or unhappy) family events: baptisms, marriages, burials... the presence of a priest-uncle for his 7 nephews and nieces, his 10 great-nephews and 14 great-great-nephews...

Born on 4 May 1929, Jean was baptised on 9 May 1929 and received the sacrament of Confirmation on 3 May 1941 in Beausse (Maine et Loire), at the hands of Mgr. Costes. The following year, he entered the Apostolic School of the Calvary in Pontchâteau, where he remained from 1942 to 1950; a secondary schooling that was disturbed by the war... Then he left for Celles sur Belle (Deux Sèvres) to make his novitiate with the Montfort Missionaries; it was there that he made his first profession on 8 September 1951. There followed his studies in Philosophy in Chézelles from 1951 to 1953; then his Theology studies at the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu from 1954 to 1958, with one year's interruption (1953) for military service in Laval (Mayenne). His military chaplain wrote of him: "has done good work in his company, knew how to attract the friendship of his comrades by his good judgement and his amiable character"; while his formators would write: "good spirit, very devout, religious and apostolic; good judgement; relations with his confreres excellent and easy, with great loyalty, good with everyone and very helpful."

But already, he was showing some health problems with regard to his stomach. Father Jean made his perpetual vows on 15 September 1957 in the scholasticate chapel in Montfort-sur-Meu, where he was ordained sub-deacon by Mgr Rémy Augustin, SMM, auxiliary bishop of Port-au-Prince (Haiti) on 22 September 1957, deacon on 21 December 1957, and priest by Mgr Albert-Marie Guiot, SMM, bishop of Port-de-Paix (Haiti) on 16 February 1958.

His first obedience took him to Paris, to the community of the Rue du Commandeur, for a pastoral year (1958-1959). Then he was appointed to the Apostolic School in Pontchâteau to be a monitor and teacher (1959-1962). But of course, Father Jean had entered the Montfort Missionaries to be a missionary... ordained by two bishops from Haiti, he ought to have been sent to Haiti... But it was to Franche-Comté that his superiors sent him: he was to spend 4 years at Notre Dame du Chêne for parish missions (1962-1966). In full social and cultural turmoil, Father Jean left for Lyon in 1966 and 1967 for studies at the Social Institute. There he presented a paper on "The passage from a traditional world to an industrial and urban world for the agricultural worker."

Father Jean had to make this journey himself, for he had to quit the missions in the rural world of the Franche-Comté for the town. In fact, he next returned to Paris and the Rue du Commandeur (1967-1970) as a member of the missionary team. It was from there that he left for Corbeil (Essonne) with other confreres to begin a new way of missionary presence in a society undergoing profound change and mutation (1970-1976). In 1967, the Provincial had written to him that he was asking himself "the question of new forms of Mission, while remaining in the role of intervention, and so of periods more or less long in the one place, and of contacts more or less prolonged, and in a missionary style"; in 1971, Father Rimbault wrote to the Provincial: "We are continuing our search for a religious life adapted to a small multi-functional team, committed for a longer term; we are anxious to live in an evangelical way in the spirit of Montfort."

These were missionary years when the Montfort Fathers and Brothers formed solid friendships, a sign of a pastoral and human rootedness that would bring forth beautiful apostolic fruits. The presence of Father Jean was to be very much appreciated by the group *Action Catholique Générale Féminine* (ACGF); we note especially that he took lay people truly seriously, treating them as responsible adults in a world that was still a clerical one that took many decisions without them...

From 1976 until 1990, Father Jean was in Angoulême: he lived first of all at Notre Dame d'Obezine (1976-1978), where he devoted himself pastorally notably to "My Country"; then he was appointed to the Ile d'Espagnac. Apart from his parochial responsibilities, Father Jean was diocesan chaplain to ACI (Action Catholique des milieux Indépendants) and to Christian employers. His studies in the social sciences and economics guided him in his concern for, and his interest in the problems of today's world in a domain where the Church is often absent... From 1990 to 1995, Father Jean served as parish priest of Déols in the diocese of Bourges and leader of the Montfortian team. Then he went to the diocese of Tours, where he was parish priest of Montlouis sur Loire. He then became a member of the enlarged community of Le Marillais (Maine et Loire), the Shrine so close to his family connections.

The time for retirement having arrived, Father Jean returned to Corbeil (Essonne) in September 2000... It was to be a very active retirement: he was appointed to be "co-operator priest" and would not cease to render many valuable services to the various

parishes, and he would also accompany many groups. It was health problems that eventually forced him to stop despite his missionary zeal...

Having been very much affected by the death of his twin brother, Father Jean faced up to his own sickness with remarkable courage; he never lost hope, nor trust... "As long as there is life, there is hope," he used to say. He was still making plans for the future while being very aware of his own state of health.

It was in these days leading up to Pentecost that Father Jean left us for the Cenacle where he is of one heart and one soul with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Apostles, the disciples and the whole Church of Heaven...



Father Joseph OLIFANT, S.M.M.

(1931 – 2014)

who died in St Laurent sur Sèvre (France), on 21 June 2014,
aged 82 with 59 years of Religious Profession.

Joseph Olifant was born in Guipavas (Finistère) on 9 July 1931, the son of François and of Marie Yvonne Jacolot. His father was a manufacturer. Joseph was baptised the day after his birth and confirmed at the age of ten (4 June 1941 in Guipavas).

Having heard the Lord's call at a young age, Joseph left for the Apostolic School of the Calvary in Pontchâteau in 1945; he remained there until 1953, when his secondary studies came to an end. His response to the call to the Montfortian religious life was realised on 8 September 1954 by his first religious profession among the Montfort Missionaries in Chézelles (Indre et Loire). Then he went to the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu for his studies in philosophy and theology (1954-1960). He made his perpetual profession on 15 August 1959 in the Basilica in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, and was ordained a sub-deacon there the following day by Mgr Jules Puset, at that time bishop of Tamatave (Madagascar), who also ordained him deacon in Montfort-sur-Meu on 20 September 1959 and priest on 18 October 1959.

Was Father Olifant bound for Madagascar? No! He was sent for one year (1960-1961) to be a teacher and monitor at the minor seminary in Pelousey. Then he was appointed as curate to the parish of Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre (1961-1964), a pastoral ministry for which he prepared himself by a pastoral year for young priests in La Roche-sur-Yon (from 1 October 1961 to 15 June 1962).

From 1964 until 1973, Father Olifant was a missionary at our house of Le Rody in Guipavas, the place of his birth and Christian initiation. The profound changes that were then taking place in the itinerant parish missions led him towards another mode of Montfortian presence: he was sent to Montierchaume (Indre) as parish-priest and chaplain to the Lycée, from 1973 to 1977, joining the young Montfortian team that was already there...

Health problems obliged him to take a long period of convalescence in La Gardiolle (Gard) from 1977 to 1978. He was to remain in this community in the South, on a mission of welcoming and pastoral activity in various parish sectors: Lasalle (1982),

Sauves, Villesque and Dufort (1983). Then Father Olifant returned to Brittany, not this time to Finistère, but to the Morbihan, at La Chartreuse (1990-2000). There he exercised the ministry of chaplain to the Daughters of Wisdom and took up once again the itinerant mission.

At the start of the third millennium, Father Olifant returned to his family roots: he was appointed superior of the community of Le Rody-Guipavas (2000-2006). After the closure of this community, Father Olifant returned to La Chartreuse after a short stay in La Gardiolle. But, as his health deteriorated, he was led to Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, to the community of the Holy Spirit, in September 2009.

We were then to hear only rarely his missionary voice, except when he sang Breton songs... We were to watch his strength ebbing away little by little, with bursts of energy after each hospitalisation. But his last stay in hospital was very difficult; he was not to recover...

On 21 June, during the night and without fuss, Father Joseph Olifant ended his missionary career in the very place where he had begun it... May Our Lady accompany him into the eternal dwelling places!



Father Frans FRANKEN, S.M.M.

(1941 – 2014)

who died in Genk - Winterslag (Belgium), on 6 July 2014,
aged 73 with 52 years of Religious Profession.

Frans was born on 14th June 1941 in Waubach, a small village in the mining area of Limburg in the Netherlands close to the German border. It's a village where miners and farmers live. He had a wonderful youth, there was lots of space to play and to horse around. They were not very talkative in his family, a simple word would do. Frans had a keen eye for the things that needed be done. He was intelligent and had practical solutions for all sorts of problems.

After primary school he went to 'MULO' (secondary extended primary school). But after one year he made a definitive choice for Ste-Marie, the Montfortian school in Schimmert where his brother Jan was already a pupil. He knew what he wanted. He studied and practiced a number of sports: football and relay.

When his brother Jan went to the Assumptionist Fathers in Boxtel, his father pushed Frans to go as well. But when he finished secondary school, he went back to his familiar nest: the Montfortians, and started his noviciate in Meerssen in 1960. After he was professed he went to Oirschot to study philosophy and theology but he was also very interested in birds. Just like saint Francis he loved them very much. He had a large birdcage, stuffed dead birds in a professional and perfect way and even worked on a farm in the neighbourhood.

He was ordained priest on 4th March 1967. He was very happy with his first obedience which was the Congo and left in 1968 for the diocese of Isangi. He suffered the

aftermath of the rebellion. He was quick in learning the language and worked in the villages around Bondamba, a swampy area with a lot of sick people. He was able to help many of them because he was good at giving the right medication. I visited him in 1976 and he took me around to several villages where we were heartily welcomed.

Due to health problems he returned to Belgium after 20 years in the Congo. He took a sabbatical; it was hard for him to find a new orientation. First he thought that a life of contemplation was his vocation and he contacted the prior of Keizersberg, a Benedictine monastery in Leuven. For a while he lived the life of a hermit, but it didn't suit him very well.

Frans did not have an easy life. He was rather introvert, and not very communicative. He was not the kind of person who easily talks about his feelings and emotions. Sometimes he felt caged within himself and he suffered a lot because of his inability to express himself. On the other hand there were moments when he was cheerful, cordial and very grateful.

In 1989 he became chaplain in the Sacred Heart parish in Winterslag. He concentrated mainly on youngsters and he had this group of young people who regularly came together and with whom he even went to Taizé for a couple of days. He also organized a prayer group and went on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Lourdes and Rome, often accompanied by his mother.

After the sudden death of Father Jan Vangehugten, he became parish priest in the St.-Eventius parish in Winterslag in October 1996. It most certainly became the happiest period in his priestly life. He felt at home there in a large presbytery with beautiful icons, birds, chickens and a dog, Jefke, who meant a great deal to him.

He restored the church both inside and outside. He was very clever and handy with all sorts of material. His church was always very clean and well maintained.

He was struck by a heart attack in 2004. He managed to continue his work but his body gave signals that things were not well with him. Four years later, in 2008, his calvary really began: operation on the aorta, a sudden heart-failure, heart attacks, into hospital, out of hospital, convalescence in Lanaken, convalescence in Waterschei.

After 3 months in hospital in 2011 he decided to cut down the huge number of pills he had to take. He just wanted something to ease the pain. The doctors told him he had another three or four months at the most. And then a medical miracle happened: he went on living for more than three years! Was it inner strength, was it his will to live and/or the exceptional care in his familiar surroundings, the presbytery? Michel, his friend and sacristan, no doubt largely contributed to this special care. Day and night there was someone to keep Frans company; he was never alone. Michel really did his utmost to give him all the comfort he needed. Many, many thanks to Michel, and to the numerous devoted helpers and all those who surrounded him with love and care. During these last three years his family visited him every week. His brother came every Saturday all the way from Eindhoven and his sister and her husband every Sunday from Eygelshoven. Congratulations!

During the last year Frans redecorated his sickroom into a sort of chapel for the dying. He invited his visitors to follow him and to join him in prayer. He then took the lead in his wheelchair. Near the door was a holy-water font to make the sign of the cross. In his room there were a few beautiful icons, the pictures of his parents and their rosaries. Of course there was also a statue of Our Lady, Mary, whom he loved very much, and the

obituary cards of his father and his mother, his sister and his niece, his godchild who died early this year, 29 years old. He felt very close to them all and then he asked his visitors to pray together. Here we saw Frans' inner side.

The last few days he was confused, he often repeated: 'I want to go home, come let's go home.' To his family who visited him he said: 'Come, let's go to Waubach, let's go home.'

Frans is home now with God, his Father. Jesus says: 'In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and welcome you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.' Frans is happy now with an immensely dear God, joined together with his parents, his sister, his godchild, his confreres who already passed away and many, many others.



Father Alfonso LIBRALATO, S.M.M.

(1931 – 2014)

who died in Redona-Bergamo (Italy), on 7 July 2014,
aged 82 with 64 years of Religious Profession.

Alfonso Libralato was born in S. Anna Morosina, a part of S. Giorgio in Bosco (Pd), on 10 August 1931, into a numerous family. Apart from his parents, there were seven brothers and sisters, of whom one other was to become a Montfort Missionary, Father Ivo. He entered the apostolic school in Redona in 1941 for his secondary studies and the first college cycle. He then continued his formation with one year of novitiate in Castiglione T. (To), which ended with his first vows on 8 September 1949. Then he went to Loreto (An) where he did his studies in philosophy and theology. In this young man, who seemed in certain ways timid, with a character that could sometimes appear dry, there lay hidden a reflective person, endowed with a perspicacious intelligence and a great taste for music. He was ordained priest on 5 March 1955 in the Basilica of the Holy House.

After a few months in Arona (No), obedience called Father Alfonso to the apostolic school in Redona, as an educator and teacher. In 1966, he was appointed to Arbizzano (Vr) where he was the superior of the new apostolic school for six years. Afterwards, in 1972, he took up residence in the community near the church of Saints Severino and Sossio. He attended the Theology Faculty of Southern Italy and there obtained a degree in Biblical theology.

After the Neapolitan interlude in 1975, he returned to the Montfortian seminary in Redona as the professor for the first two college years. In 1978, he was appointed superior of the scholasticate in Rome in the Via Prenestina. For six years, Father Alfonso dedicated himself with generosity to the task of formation, animated by a great desire to ensure its quality. If on the one hand there was no shortage of work, on the other hand the many young men who succeeded to the priesthood in those years were for Father Alfonso a source of satisfaction and of intimate joy.

Having completed this experience, Father Alfonso chose to immerse himself in the field of pastoral care. These years were characterised by frequent changes of community: Reggio Calabria - *Casa della Madonna* from 1984 to 1988, Ravenna from 1988 to 1991, followed by two years in Ginosa (Ta) as assistant parish-priest in the parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, then Naples as parish-priest of *Santa Maria di Ogni Bene ai Sette Dolori* from 1993 to 2000. Everywhere he sought to live deeply the Montfortian ideal, both in the spirit and in his style of pastoral activity, where there was no lack of opportunities to try out new forms of organisations.

In 2000, feeling more and more the weight of responsibility and a fatigue brought on by a state of health that was becoming precarious, Father Alfonso left Naples. He continued his pilgrimage towards "God Alone" in the community of Fiesso d'Artico (Ve), from 2000 to 2002, in Treviglio (Bg) from 2002 to 2005, and finally in Redona-Villa Montfort. There he died on 7 July 2014.

His funeral was celebrated in the church of Mary Queen of All Hearts, the same church that welcomed him at the age of ten. Now Father Alfonso awaits the Resurrection in the cemetery of Bergamo.



Father Tarcisio MIOTTI, S.M.M.

(1925 – 2014)

who died in Redona-Bergamo (Italy), on 1 August 2014,
aged 88 with 67 years of Religious Profession.

Born on 25 December 1925 in San Giorgio in Bosco (Pd), Father Tarcisio Miotti was the first priest to come from the parish of Sant'Anna Morosina. Led by his parish-priest from a tender age towards the love of God and devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he entered the apostolic school in Redona di Bergamo in September 1939. In 1945 he was admitted to the novitiate in Belgirate (Nora), where he made his first vows on 8 September 1946. This was followed by his years of formation in the scholasticate in Loreto (An). Of a jovial and exuberant nature, he applied himself with determination to his studies in philosophy and theology and obtained good results. On 8 March 1952 he was ordained priest in the Basilica of the Holy House.

Father Tarcisio spent his first year of priesthood in the community in Treviglio (Bg), where he took a course in pastoral theology in Milan. From 1953 to 1957 he passed a sort of pastoral apprenticeship in the communities of Castellaneta (Ta), Santeramo in Colle (Ba) and Reggio Calabria, Rosary church. In 1957 he was transferred to Bari as chaplain to the CTO-Inail.

From 1961 to 1967, he was parish-priest of *Santa Maria Mediatrix* in the Borgata Gordiani district of Rome, and superior of the community. In 1967 he returned to Reggio Calabria and the apostolic school, where he was bursar and spiritual director. In 1971 he was sent to Treviglio where he dedicated himself to preaching.

There followed a number of years in contact with human suffering in hospitals. From 1975 to 1991, he was chaplain to the CTO of Bari, and from 1992 to 1996 to the hospital in Locri (Rc). His commitment to a ministry to the sick had an influence on his missionary life, and the providential accumulated experience he gained would serve him well during the three years (1997-2000) when he was superior of the community of Villa Montfort in Redona di Bergamo. Father Tarcisio made great efforts to respond ever better to the needs of the elderly and sick confreres for assistance.

After a break in Ilbono (Nu) in 2000, Father Tarcisio returned to Reggio Calabria to the Rosary church where he served as a confessor and spiritual guide. Lay-folk, priests and male and female religious all found always in the smile of Father Tarcisio a cordial welcome, and in his words, light and encouragement. In demand to help parish-priests, a sought-after preacher of triduums and novenas, he loved to give a Marian character to his apostolate, demonstrating, in Montfortian spirituality, a path of sanctification and evangelical perfection.

Though advancing in years, Father Tarcisio's missionary availability did not lessen. In 2009, he moved to Treviglio (Bg) and in 2012 once again to Reggio Calabria, where he shuttled back and forth each day between the House of the Madonna and the Rosary church.

Unexpectedly, serious health problems began to appear that brought Father Tarcisio to Redona-Villa Montfort. In that house where he had been the superior, he died on 1 August 2014. His funeral was celebrated in the church of Mary Queen of All Hearts on the morning of 4 August, and in the afternoon he was buried in Sant'Anna Morosina (Pd), his native village. There he awaits the Resurrection.



Father Jean-François PAUL, S.M.M.

(1931 – 2014)

who died in St Laurent s/S (France), on 8 August 2014,
aged 82 with 61 years of Religious Profession.

Jean-François was born on 1 September 1931 in Saint Frégant (Finistère), the son of M. Goulven Paul and Anne-Marie Boule'h. He was baptised the following day in the church of Saint Frégant. He received the sacrament of Confirmation on 2 May 1941.

It was in the middle of the War that Jean-François felt the call to the missionary life. So he began his Apostolic School experience as a "refugee": at the Château de Carheil (1943-1944), then in La Chartreuse d'Auray (1944-1945). It was only in 1945 that Jean-François went to the Apostolic School of the Calvary in Pontchâteau (September 1945 - July 1951).

In September 1951, Jean-François began his novitiate in Celles-sur-Belle (Deux Sèvres), where he made his profession of vows on 8 September 1952. Then he left for the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu; his church studies were interrupted by military service (Vannes: May 1954 to December 1954; Rennes: December 1954 to July 1955; Grenoble: August 1955 to April 1956). On 15 August 1959 he made his perpetual profession in the Basilica in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre; the following day, 16 August, he was ordained sub-deacon by Mgr Jules Puset, SMM, who was then the Bishop of Tamatave (Madagascar), and who was to ordain him deacon on 20 September 1959 and priest on 18 October 1959, in Montfort-sur-Meu.

The call of the missions led him to Malawi. But before leaving for Africa, Father Jean-François spent a year studying in Paris, living in the Rue du Commandeur. He arrived in Malawi in July 1961. After a reasonable amount of time learning Chichewa, Father Jean-François was appointed curate to Mpiri (1962-1963), then Zomba (Sacred Heart, 1963-1964). From 1964 to 1966, he was a curate in Magomero Parish, then was appointed superior there. The time had come for his leave in France (1966-1967): he was sent to study in Lille (Emacas; his memory of the end of the year was: "A few human problems posed by development in Malawi"). Returning to Malawi, he was appointed curate to Matiya (1967-1972). After his second leave in France (1972-1973), he went back to Matiya as superior (1973-1977; many church buildings and parish houses). After his third leave in France (1977), Father Jean-François was again appointed to the Sacred Heart parish in Zomba, where he was superior (1977-1979). He served again as curate in Magomero (1979-1985; he installed electricity there in 1982), in Mlombozi (1985-1987), then in Namitembo (1987) until his final return to France in 2000.

A new mission for Father Jean-François then began: he was appointed chaplain to the Brothers of Saint Gabriel in La Hillière until the end of 2012. As his health weakened, he received his final obedience for the Holy Spirit community in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. It was with a great spirit of faith and abandonment that Jean-François accepted this last obedience, continuing his missionary life by his fraternal presence and his prayer for the "young entities" of our Congregation, and especially for the novices in Montfort-sur-Meu.

Father Jean-François was a very fraternal confrere, very affectionate, with great discretion and delicacy, attentive to everyone; a man of prayer: the Rosary (he died on the feast of Saint Dominic while listening to the recitation of the *Hail Mary*), the *Liturgy of the Hours* to which he remained very faithful even if he lost his way in the pages of the breviary. His two final years of missionary life were lived by him a little like Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus: offering up his painful steps (but he never missed a celebration in the Basilica or in the Holy Spirit chapel). While nature, age and sickness bowed him down, his physiotherapist would often say to him: “Father, walk straight, walk proudly with your head high”. Now, in his humility he must be hearing the Blessed Virgin saying to him: “Jean-François, Missionary of my little Company, walk tall, you head high, walk proudly towards the Mercy of your Lord!”



Brother Antonio RONTAUROLI, S.M.M.
(1934 – 2014)

who died in Redona-Bergamo (Italy), on 18 August 2014,
aged 79 with 60 years of Religious Profession.

Antonio Rontaurolì was born on 3 October 1934 in San Giovanni di Querciola, in the commune of Viano (Re), a small village spread over the Emilian hills. His vocation came to light during the course of a mission preached by Father Pasquale Buondonno in the region of Reggio Emilia. At 21, he joined the Montfort Missionaries and after a few months of postulancy was admitted, on 19 March 1952, to the novitiate of the coadjutor Brothers, in Castiglione T. (To), where he made his first vows on 8 September 1953. There, and in the apostolic school in Redona, he carried out the tasks asked of him and continued the path of his formation in the consecrated life. On 8 September 1958, in Castiglione T. (To), he made his perpetual profession.

During his first years of religious life, Brother Antonio carried out the simple but precious tasks of cook and door-keeper in the parish community of the Via Cori in Rome, in Naples and especially in the apostolic schools in Reggio Calabria, Redona di Bergamo, Arbizzano (Vr), and in the novitiates in Barzizza (Bg) and Roncà (Vi).

Still in Redona (1970-1971) and especially in Arbizzano (1972-1976 and 1979-1982), he was assistant to the “Apostolini”. He followed their human and spiritual growth with a passion, and infused their recreations and moments of relaxation with creativity. So many youngsters in this environment found in him a fine example.

His formation commitment was mingled with a desire for the foreign missions. Brother Antonio nourished this during the years he spent in the Mission Procure in Caravaggio (1971-1972 and 1976-1979). His dream was fulfilled when, in October 1982, he left for Peru, having received the crucifix from the hands of Monsignor Amari, the Bishop of Verona. He wrote in the *Apostolo di Maria*: “I am happy to leave to be evangelised and to evangelise, to give and receive, in an availability to God and my neighbour that is not easy, but that is worth the pain, so as to build the Kingdom of God.” Thus there began 28 years lived for the most part in Huanuco, in the parish of Our Lady of

Fatima, except for a brief interruption at the *Visitation* in Lima and in Huaycán. He took charge of the domestic chores and opened himself to the missionary life, joining the communities of Sierra. He presided at celebrations of the Word and catechism classes, prepared people for the Sacraments, visited the sick, and took care of families, and was a member, among other things, of the Legion of Mary. Brother Antonio had an inner richness that he was not always able to communicate, or that he did not always want to communicate. Though he seemed to be silent and closed in on himself, nevertheless he made himself loved by his frankness and his human consistency.

For health reasons he returned to Italy between 2007 and 2008, and then decided to leave Peru permanently. In 2010, obedience summoned him to the Villa Montfort. As far as his ailing heart would let him, he sought to be, in the new community, useful to the sick and elderly confreres, speaking by his very silence... And in silence he left us on 18 August 2014, at the age of 79. Now he rests in the cemetery in Bergamo, waiting to encounter Jesus and Mary, whom he served in the footsteps of Saint Louis Marie, going out to the world's margins.



Brother Jean KERFOURN, S.M.M.

(1939 – 2014)

who died in Cholet (France), on 4 October 2014,
aged 74 with 55 years of Religious Profession.

On 20 July 1937, Jean-Marie Kerfourn and Marie Joséphine Roudaut entered the church in Kerlouan (Finistère) to promise to be faithful to one another for the whole of their lives. Of this union were born four children: Adrienne, Jean and his twin sister Marie-Louise (born 9 November 1939 in Gouesnou, Finistère) and Marie-Thérèse. Jean was baptised on 16 November 1939 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19 May 1949.

After a period at Pont-Croix studying, Jean chose to enter the Montfortian novitiate in Chézelles (Indre et Loire), drawn by the Montfortian spirit, probably inspired by an aunt who was a Daughter of Wisdom. He made his first vows there on 19 March 1959, taking the name of Brother Yvon.

In 1960 he did his military service for 27 months (from 1 January 1960 to 1 May 1962). He left for Algeria, a stay which left a serious mark on him, and about which he spoke very little.

From September 1962 to December 1963, Brother Jean was in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, where he did an apprenticeship in electricity. From December 1963 until September 1967, he lived at Pontchâteau, where he perfected his mastery of electricity. He was then a member of the “flying squad”: putting his talents in electricity and plumbing at the service of the various communities in the Province.

In 1967, he became a member of the Montfortian missionary team in Dourdan, in the Parisian region; with Brother Joseph Renou and Father Robert Barbier, he was a

worker, a “worker Brother”. In 1969 he was part of the Montfortian team in Toulouse (November 1969 - December 1973); he worked in a company providing electrical goods.

Then, Brother Jean was offered the opportunity to go to the Haiti mission. Father François Gayot, the Provincial of the Haitian Province, was “favourably impressed by the candidature of Jean” and Mgr Augustin, SMM, the bishop of Port-de-Paix, was happy to be able to include Brother Jean in the team of the secretariat and bursar’s office, and to have him take charge of the Procure. After a period of rest and preparation, Brother Jean left for Haiti on 6 June 1974. He remained there for two years before being appointed to the General House in Rome in April 1976. His mission was to have several strands: the upkeep of the house and the cars, welcoming visitors, and even a project for a printing press... It was from the General House that Brother Jean went several times to help the establishment of our presence in Zagreb (the former Yugoslavia), not to mention various services at La Gardiolle and at the *Maison Natale* in Montfort-sur-Meu.

In September 1982, Brother Jean returned to France. He joined the secretariat of the Montfortian Pilgrimage: two years in Paris at the Rue de la Tombe-Issoire, and two years in Bois-Bernard (Chapelle Basse Mer). After a further year in La Gardiolle in the “flying squad”, he was appointed to Notre-Dame du Marillais (1987). His talents were a precious gift to this Marian Shrine, where Jean was very happy and where he made many friends.

From April 1992 until March 1993, Brother Jean took a sabbatical year with the “Emmaus Community” in Bernes sur Oise (founded by Abbé Pierre). Then he returned to Notre-Dame du Marillais before going to Notre-Dame de La Gardiolle in 2006. It was in 2009 that he left La Gardiolle for the community of the Holy Spirit in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. There he spent himself without counting the cost: various labours, upkeep of the garden and the lawns, etc...

May Brother Jean receive the reward of this active life given to God and to others. May his life’s ending, which surprised us by its rapidity, and the sufferings his illness brought, be the source of salvation for Jean and the world.



Father Boniface FILS-AIMÉ, S.M.M.

(1923 – 2014)

who died in Gros Morne (Haiti), on 1st November 2014,
aged 90 with 70 years of Religious Profession.

“Père Bo” was born on 17 November 1923 in St Louis du Nord in the diocese of Port-de-Paix. He died in Gros Morne on 1 November 2014, a few days before the start of his 91st year. He did his secondary studies partly in Port-de-Paix, and partly in Port au Prince, before leaving for Canada, where he stayed from 1943 until 1949, first of all in Nicolet for his novitiate, then in Eastview and Ottawa for his theology studies. He was ordained a deacon in Ottawa in May 1949 and then returned to Haiti to be ordained priest in Port-de-Paix on 11 June 1949. He served as curate in the parish of St Louis du Nord from 1949 to 1957. In 1957 he founded the College of Notre Dame de Lourdes (CNDL) in Port-de-Paix, and directed it until 1966. From 1966 to 1969 he was charged with the general secretariat of the archdiocese of Port au Prince.

After the expulsion of Father Riou in 1969, he went to the Ile de la Tortue, where he acted as administrator of the parish, of the hospital of Notre Dame des Palmistes, which had recently been founded by Father Roger Riou, and the school for nurses.

Following this, heavy responsibilities were entrusted to him, both within the bosom of the Montfortian family on the Provincial level, and in the diocese of Port-de-Paix, where he was Vicar General to Mgr Augustin, smm, and later to Mgr Colimon, smm.

Father Fracilus Petit-Homme, smm, who was his colleague at the time of the founding of CNDL, recalled in his funeral homily, the career of this valiant confrere, an admirable pioneer in numerous aspects of his employment – in the service of education – in the service of the Church – and in the service of the Montfortian Province.

- An eminent educator, he agreed to withdraw from parish ministry in order to build in Port-de-Paix, in the face of winds and tides, the College of Notre Dame de Lourdes, with the support of his Montfortian confreres, both Canadian and French: Roger Smith, Lionel Desgroseiller, Armand Blanchette, Camille Bruchon, Roger Champagne and Claude Ruel. Under his guidance CNDL saw the light of day and developed to the point of being a reference point for the diocese and indeed the country.

- A man of the Church, he was able to use his close relations with the powers-that-be for the good of the Church and of the Province. An unshakeable defender of the interests of the Church, he left nothing undone for the defence of his confreres in their problems with the dictatorship, getting involved without regard for the criticisms of whomever it might be; he had the courage of his convictions. He knew that the progress of the Church would be dependant on the emergence of a native clergy; he was responsible for the beginnings of the Minor Seminary of St Pius X in Port-de-Paix, which trained numerous priests, both for the Montfort Missionaries and for the different dioceses of the country. It was also he who built in Port-au-Prince the first scholasticate where he welcomed both Montfortians and diocesan students coming from the Minor Seminary in Port-de-Paix.

- A Montfort Father, Father Boniface was, with Mgr Carl Edwards Peters, one of the first fruits of the harvest sown in the earth by the foreign missionaries who came, as early as 1871, to found the diocese of Port-de-Paix. These two “pioneers” worked hard to bring indigenous vocations to birth and to accompany them. They took up their responsibilities when the time came to erect and build up the vice-province, and later the province of the Montfort Missionaries in Haiti. They won the victory; today, Haitian Montfort Missionaries are working in France, Canada, the Bahamas, Guadeloupe, and the United States.

Father Boniface, this is only an “au revoir!” You leave us an example of missionary courage, of love of our country and of pride in our origins, showing us that our differences are indeed riches to be placed at the service of our country, our Church and our congregation. Now you may depart in peace, Père Bo! Mission accomplished!



Father Vito PAGNONCELLI, S.M.M.

(1926 – 2014)

who died in Bergamo (Italy), on 14 November 2014,
aged 88 with 68 years of Religious Profession.

Vito Pagnoncelli was born in Chignolo d'Isola (Bg) on 12 June 1925. He entered the apostolic school in Redona di Bergamo in September 1939. At the end of his first two years of college, he was admitted to the novitiate and on 8 September 1946 made his first vows in Belgirate (No). He continued his formation in Loreto (An), where he studied philosophy and theology. With his joyful and ironic tact, Vito was an affable presence. He took an active part in those initiatives that characterise life in the scholasticate, among them the Marian circle and the missionary academies, and he cultivated a passion for music. During the Holy Year of 1950, he took part with the other students in the International Marian Congress in Rome, and following the Montfortian sessions he had the opportunity to immerse himself in the Marian spirit of our founder. Having completed his studies, he was ordained priest on 8 March 1952 in the Basilica of the Holy House.

For the first ten years of his priesthood, Father Vito was particularly involved in academic pursuits and in teaching. In fact, after ordination, he went to Rome, to the Provincial House in the Circonvallazione Appia and did the first year of a theology degree at the Pontifical Lateran University. Being recalled to Loreto, he taught the two years of philosophy at the Montfortian scholasticate. Returning to Rome in 1955 to finish his specialist studies, he became professor of Scripture from 1956 to 1961 in the Montfortian scholasticate in Loreto.

The move of the major seminary to Rome also marked a passage in the priestly life of Father Vito, who became more directly involved in pastoral activity, first of all, from 1961 to 1963, in Reggio Calabria in the Rosary church, then for a year in Ginosa in charge of the inter-parish oratory, and then again from 1964 to 1968 in the parish of St Louis Marie in Monte Mario in Rome. Posted to Arbizzano (Vr) until 1973, he dedicated himself to the animation of Marian groups in Verona and the province.

There followed a long period spent in the community in Treviglio (Bg), where he spent 40 years with his indefatigable joviality, spending himself in preaching, in popular missions, in hearing confessions, in the service of various chaplaincies and in helping in the parishes. Father Vito did not like to push himself forward; he preferred a simple, hidden way of life. Also, within the community, he was always available for those services that demanded patience and commitment.

Having reached the age when one's strength and independence begin to weaken, Father Vito himself asked to go to the Villa Montfort, the house for elderly and sick confreres. There he finished his earthly pilgrimage on 14 November 2014, aged 88, with 68 years of religious life. His funeral was celebrated in the church of Our Lady Queen of All Hearts in Redona, and Father Vito was laid to rest in the cemetery in Bergamo.



Father Alphonsus (Fons) WALTERS, S.M.M.
(1938 – 2014)

who died in Neuen (The Netherlands), on 1st December 2014,
aged 76 with 55 years of Religious Profession.

Alfons Walters was born on August 19, 1938 in The Hague. After his training in Voorschoten, Haagsche Schouw and Schimmert, he joined the Montfortians, when he made his first vows in Meerssen on September 8, 1959. After his training in Oirschot he was ordained priest on March 27, 1965 by Mgr. Jansen, smm, bishop of Isangi (Congo).

His pastoral year he spent in Beresteyn, Leiden, where he, with a break for an MBA study in Vroenhof, Valkenburg, worked until 1983: Seven years as a teacher of religion and nine years as prefect of the boarding school. After the boarding school was closed, he got a completely different function as Chaplain in the Navy. He was stationed in Den Helder, Curaçao and Valkenburg ZH.

In 1993 he decided to take on responsibility as pastor of three parishes in Leiden, while he was provincial bursar from 1998 to 2002. In 2008, he moved to the little village of Nuenen, where he became pastor of the Brothers of St. John of God. After a short illness, he died in the night after being anointed on December 1, 2014.

Fons was a very active man, a doer. While studying in Oirschot the staff noted that he was full of action, rich in initiatives, lively and someone who liked to take the lead. Looking back on his working life, it showed.

As a teacher and later as prefect Fons was strict, but fair. His former students speak with respect and gratitude of him. As prefect he had to oversee the study results. He was proud that in his time everyone passed exams. Fons himself said this was the happiest period of his life.

Becoming a Navy Chaplain, he entered an entirely new world. He said: "It was good for a priest not knowing exactly how everything in the Navy worked and repeatedly having to ask someone."

After thirteen years, basic pastoral care became his new task. Something new for Fons, but he enjoyed it. Unfortunately, various circumstances forced him to stop after 15 years.

He did not like being a retired priest, so when the offer came to become a pastor with the brothers in Nuenen, he grabbed it with both hands. He was loved and appreciated for his personal style and his inspirational preaching. This was a nice, quiet time. He could work on his stamp collection.

In mid-August his health deteriorated quickly and there was no chance of recovery. Fons seemed to accept this and started to arrange everything to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Exactly the way Fons wanted it, surrounded by family, colleagues, brothers, former parishioners from Leiden and those who have always supported him until then: Ger and Marjo. Fons died peacefully in his room.

With the death of Fons we lose a dear colleague, who in his own way, sometimes critically, sympathized with the ups and downs of our group. Grateful to Fons for the man he was and for what he has done as a pastor for many, we put his life in the hands of the Lord, the mainstay of Fons.



**Very Reverend Father Marcel GENDROT, S.M.M.
(1921 – 2014)**

Superior General from 1969 to 1981

who died in St Laurent sur Sèvre (France), on 8 December 2014,
aged 93 with 74 years of Religious Profession.

Father Marcel Gendrot was born in Quedillac (Ille et Vilaine) on 13 June 1921 (he loved to play on the French words, saying that he was not born “*en vingt / en vain*” - in twenty / in vain), the son of M. François Gendrot and Sidonie Sicot. He was the last of six boys to be born to them. His elder brother Jean-Baptiste was to become a Ploermel Brother (the two brothers together were to do a lot of work transcribing the homilies of Father Gabriel Deshayes). Marcel was baptised on 14 June 1921, the day after his birth. His elder brother Louis was his godfather.

His primary schooling “was that of the young people in the country” as he said himself: “You learn very quickly to help each other and to share in the joys, the concerns and the labours of the family.” Then a Montfort Missionary (was it Father Lejanou?), encouraged by Marcel’s two aunts who were Daughters of Wisdom, came to Quedillac and spoke with him, not without ulterior motive, about the Montfort Missionaries. Marcel spoke about it with his mother, who left him free to make his choice. But the curate in Quedillac, his spiritual director, was not of the same mind:

- “I’m going to go to Pontchâteau,” said Marcel.
- “No, Châteaugiron!” exclaimed the curate (the diocesan minor seminary)
- “Pontchâteau!” replied young Marcel...
- “No, Châteaugiron!” replied the curate...

It seemed useless to resist, but that was not counting on “Providence” and on the determination of little Marcel: a short time after this exchange, God called the poor curate to

himself (badly-treated appendicitis), and the way was clear... Marcel entered the Apostolic School of the Calvary in Pontchâteau in 1933... This little fact seems to me characteristic of Father Gendrot... Marcel loved his studies but also anything to do with clock-making and the mechanical... In 1939, he entered the Montfortian novitiate in Chézelles (Indre et Loire): it was the beginning of the War; there were 12 French and twelve English novices... the twelve English arrested by the Germans found themselves in Drancy—fortunately no one was dead! Marcel made his first vows on 8 September 1940 in Chézelles. From 1940 to 1946, he was at the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu for his studies in philosophy and theology... Then there was a period of military service in Rennes and Dinan. Afterwards he returned to Montfort-sur-Meu, where he made his perpetual profession on 15 March 1946, and was ordained sub-deacon the following day by his Eminence Cardinal Roque, Archbishop of Rennes, who also ordained him to the priesthood on 15 June 1946 in the Cathedral in Rennes.

His first obedience saw Father Marcel sent as a teacher of philosophy to Chézelles for a year: 1946-1947. Then he left to study philosophy in Rome from 1947 to 1949 at the Dominican University (the *Angelicum*), where he obtained a doctorate in philosophy with a thesis on “The problem of prudential truth” (cf. *Echo Montfortain*, August-September 1949). From 1949 until 1958, Father Marcel was professor of philosophy in Montfort-sur-Meu, with a brief interruption to make his “third year” in Celles-sur-Belle (1 August to 1 November 1955). He was not lacking in missionary daring in launching the “mission camps” for the scholastics.

On 22 April 1958 he returned to Rome as the Procurator General (representing the Congregation before the Holy See); he was to quickly become also the superior of the General House. In 1964, he was elected Assistant General. His numerous functions and occupations did not prevent him from bringing to a successful conclusion the publication of *the Œuvres Complètes* of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, which appeared in 1966; a tremendous work! Then in 1967 he published “*Les Chroniques de Sœur Florence*”, the first volume in the collection “*Documents et Recherches*”, which was to provide the essential texts of our Montfortian history and the “source” biographies of St Louis Marie de Montfort and of Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus.

On 19 March 1969, Father Marcel Gendrot was elected Superior General of the Montfort Missionaries, the successor of St Louis Marie de Montfort. He was also the Superior General of the Daughters of Wisdom. He was to be Superior General for two terms of office until 1981. Starting on that 19 March 1969, Father Gendrot was the “Très cher Père”. It needed a man like him to be superior general in those troubled and difficult times of the post-Council period, and especially post-May 1968.

During his two terms of office, the Cher Père was to visit all the Montfortian communities of the Congregation, which at that time numbered two thousand members; and all the communities of the Daughters of Wisdom, who numbered more than five thousand... An indefatigable traveller and journeys that would leave behind many anecdotes and photographs... Visits that would “reinvigorate” the confreres around the world... he would never cease breathing out this spirit “in Montfort’s way”... He would never cease to spread abroad his indefatigable energy (maliciously, it was said of Father Gendrot that he could do at least three things at the same time: write a letter on his typewriter—not the famous “Hermes” that he had had to leave behind at Chézelles—, say his Rosary and recite his breviary while he was on the train...). His holidays were taken up with doing “the footsteps of Montfort”, and with receiving pilgrims and visitors to the Cave of Father de Montfort in Mervent (where he would stay with other confreres underneath the chapel). We owe to the tenacity of Father Gendrot our presence in India and in Eastern Europe (the former Yugoslavia). A portion of France in Italy, his Roman activities earned him the honour of becoming a *Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur* on 10 October 1979.

After his second term of office as superior general, Father Gendrot was appointed Secretary General of the Union of Superiors General in Rome (1 January 1982), while at the same time being a member of the pastoral team in a Roman parish (*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin*). In 1989 he was appointed Apostolic Visitor and Pontifical Commissioner for three years in a Congregation that was experiencing difficulties (*the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*).

Then on 28 December 1991, it was time to return to France. He was appointed superior of the Mother House of the Holy Spirit on 1 January 1992; he was to remain as “superior of the Holy Spirit” for two terms of office. Having returned to France at the end of 1991, he quickly returned to Rome for the Beatification of Sister Marie-Louis of Jesus, having been the postulator of her cause (in May 1993). Whether it was for Blessed Marie-Louise or for any other Montfortian causes, Father Gendrot was always able to surround himself with a team of Daughters of Wisdom (a hearty thanks to them!). His first sojourn in Saint-Laurent would see the restructuring of the House, several volumes of the collection “*Documents et Recherches*”, and incessant visits to the Cave of Mervent.

From September 1997 until February 2007, Father Marcel Gendrot lived in the *Maison Natale* in Montfort-sur-Meu. The “*Maison Natale*” is a little like his baby! How much energy did he not spend for the birthplace of our Founder? I daren’t open this chapter, for it would need a whole book; “a thick volume”, Father Gendrot would have said.

Becoming more and more blind, Father Gendrot courageously left the “*Maison Natale*” for the Mother-House, yet leaving behind a wish: “that this *Maison Natale* may be more and more a house of prayer, of welcome, a missionary house”... His wish was granted: the *Maison Natale* is today our international Novitiate.

His “retirement” to the Mother House was like the rest of his life: very active; but an action always guided by contemplation... Visits to the “*Maison Longue*”, long hours in the confessional in the Basilica, etc. He never missed an inter-Montfortian celebration, whether in the basilica or elsewhere. He was always anxious to be there. His super-active presence was inspired by an intense life of prayer, and especially by the Rosary; this was, without a doubt, his secret of holiness (“O salutary advice! / O marvellous secret! / To become perfect, / Say a rosary a day.” H 89, 25).

Totally dedicated to Jesus through Mary, Father Gendrot left us on 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, while the community was joined in prayer and adoration to renew our Montfortian Consecration to Jesus through Mary:

“I renew and ratify today through you my baptismal promises. I renounce for ever Satan, his empty promises, and his evil designs, and I give myself completely to Jesus Christ, the incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after him for the rest of my life...”

This day, with the whole court of heaven as witness, I choose you, Mary, as my Mother and Queen. I surrender and consecrate myself to you, body and soul, with all that I possess, both spiritual and material, even including the spiritual value of all my actions, past, present, and to come. I give you the full right to dispose of me and all that belongs to me, without any reservations, in whatever way you please, for the greater glory of God in time and throughout eternity.

Virgin most faithful, make me in everything so committed a disciple, imitator, and slave of Jesus, your Son, incarnate Wisdom, that I may become, through your intercession and example, fully mature with the fullness which Jesus possessed on earth, and with the fullness of his glory in heaven.” Amen!



FROM THE MONTFORTIAN FAMILY

BROTHERS OF SAINT GABRIEL

January 2014			Age	Profession
03	Br. Cyriacus (K. C. Anthony)	Hyderabad (India)	87	61
06	Br. Gustave Monneron	La Hillière (France)	89	72
February 2014				
08	Br. Philip Neri (P.K. Kuriakose)	Sriracha (Thailand)	76	56
09	Br. Paul Lepicier	Nantes (France)	86	66
22	Br. Gérard Faucher	Nantes (France)	81	64
March 2014				
04	Br. Marcel Keravec	Douarnenez (France)	95	78
25	Br. Tarcisius Mary	Trichy (India)	83	57
26	Br. André Lava	Saint Herblain (France)	90	74
29	Br. Fernand Aubert	Libreville (Gabon)	74	53
April 2014				
18	Br. Jean-Baptiste Aury	Nantes (France)	87	70
June 2014				
13	Br. Oliver Ericatt	Chennai (India)	82	61
July 2014				
14	Br. Claude Perraud	La Hillière (France)	80	62
28	Br. Armand Rousseau	La Hillière (France)	95	78
September 2014				
02	Br. Abraham Pralél	Kalghathi (India)	84	64
23	Br. Phakdi Thummakanon	Bangkok (Thailand)	98	69
October 2014				
01	Br. Germain Viguier	Nantes (France)	87	67
11	Br. Jan Vanhees	Opglabbeek (Belgium)	95	78
23	Br. Pichit Pithak	Sriracha (Thailand)	89	61
November 2014				
14	Br. François Garat	Saint-Herblain (France)	90	73
December 2014				
02	Br. François Colin	La Hillière (France)	79	61

DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM

January 2014			Born	Profession
03	Sr. Blanche Turcot Albert de la Purification	Ottawa (Canada)	15-06-18	02-02-37
06	Sr. Nicoletta della Sapienza Luigia Anna Gaiero	Sanremo (Italy)	01-10-31	02-02-53
07	Sr. Georgette Roussel Georges de la Miséricorde	St Laurent (France)	12-05-22	02-02-45
07	Sr. Monique Lavaud Monique-Marie de la Rédemption	St Laurent (France)	21-03-36	22-08-67
13	Sr. Camille de Jésus Madeleine Cousseau	St Laurent (France)	23-03-19	02-02-43
14	Sr. Arnolda Adriana V.Catherina Catherina Van Wow	Wijchen (Hollande)	02-09-24	02-02-47
15	Sr. Inés de Jesús María Rosalbina Piñeros Diaz	Bogotá (Colombia)	11-04-27	02-02-47
16	Sr. Angela dell'Eucaristia Cesarina Tiraboschi	Clusone (Italy)	26-11-26	02-08-51
16	Sr. Marthe Maire Eugène de la Croix	St Laurent (France)	23-02-20	02-08-43
19	Sr. Thérèse Gibson Marguerite Cecile	Brentwood, NY (USA)	24-09-23	02-08-44
February 2014				
05	Sr. Agnès Parenteau Tharcisius de l'Eucharistie	Montréal (Canada)	21-12-17	02-02-42
07	Sr. Mary June Morin Charles Mary of Wisdom	Portsmouth, VA (USA)	24-03-33	02-02-53
09	Sr. Odile-Françoise de la Visitation Rachel Vinatier	St Laurent (France)	13-12-22	02-08-53
09	Sr. Clara Yaliombo Oswaokengeasio	Kisangani (Congo RD)	1939	08-09-59
12	Sr. Bernadette Marion Rosalie de l'Eucharistie	Ottawa (Canada)	21-05-29	02-08-51
22	Sr. Marie du Cénacle Marie-Louise Falc'hun	La Chartreuse (France)	10-04-13	02-02-37
22	Sr. Marie-Hervé de Montfort Marie-Françoise Morvan	La Chartreuse (France)	22-03-21	02-08-47
March 2014				
04	Sr. Monique Dubuisson	St-Louis-du-Nord (Haiti)	28-09-47	08-12-75
06	Sr. Philomène de la Croix Germaine Evain	St Laurent (France)	28-11-21	02-08-48
07	Sr. Kathleen Kane Montfort of the Sacred Heart	Brentwood, NY (USA)	16-11-24	02-08-47

15	Sr. Emmanuel de la Passion Jacqueline Janssens	Tournai (Belgium)	03-09-23	02-08-44
17	Sr. Germaine Daoust St Gabriel Lalemant	Ottawa (Canada)	25-07-22	02-08-41
21	Sr. Marie-Estelle du Sacré-Coeur Marie-Thérèse Brun	St Laurent (France)	19-11-10	08-09-33
23	Sr. Daniel de l'Assomption Chantal Farey	St Laurent (France)	06-06-28	02-02-51
31	Sr. Gabrielle-Marie de la Sagesse Gabrielle Breuer	Tournai (Belgium)	23-03-23	02-02-53

April 2014

02	Sr. Vincent of the Sacred Heart Teresa Larkin	Romsey (England)	06-04-30	02-08-56
04	Sr. Marie-Joseph Ducroquet Marie-Joseph de St Michel	St Laurent (France)	01-04-21	02-08-43
22	Sr. Theresia van het Kindje Jezus Jacoba van Zuijlen	Wijchen (Pays-Bas)	22-12-21	02-08-44
23	Sr. Raymonde Loriol Marc de Jésus	St Laurent (France)	19-04-30	02-08-53
25	Sr. Patricia de San Alvaro Delia Judith Velasco Gonzáles	Bogotá (Colombia)	22-03-37	02-08-62
28	Sr. Henri Marie de la Providence Marie Coulonnier	St Laurent (France)	26-08-21	02-02-44
29	Sr. Xavier-Marie Françoise Guérit	St Laurent (France)	03-12-10	08-09-34

May 2014

18	Sr. Noëlla Murphy Colette de Marie	Ottawa (Canada)e	25-12-21	02-02-42
20	Sr. Marie-Georges du Sacré-Cœur Thérèse Logié	St Laurent (France)	28-01-15	02-08-37
25	Sr. Simonne Gaumond Georges-Marie du Sacré-Coeur	Ottawa (Canada)	15-06-26	02-02-47
27	Sr. Florencia Marcela Quispe Quispe	La Taboadita (Peru)	31-10-65	25-03-99
30	Sr. Biagina Dell'Assunzione Caterina Altomonte	Valperga (Italy)	14-07-26	02-02-51
31	Sr. Lucia del Cuore Immacolato Mercedes Azzola	Clusone (Italy)	18-02-24	02-02-46
31	Sr. Maria Carmela Maria Pia Munaretto	La Taboadita (Peru)	10-07-38	02-08-58

June 2014

08	Sr. Gabriel de la Sainte Famille Thérèse Rivière	St Laurent (France)	08-06-22	02-02-43
24	Sr. André de Marie Marie-Madeleine Mongin	St Laurent (France)	05-05-23	15-09-43

July 2014

12	Sr. Marie-Agnès du Divin-Cœur Lucienne Collet	St Laurent (France)	28-12-26	02-08-50
22	Sr. Gilberte Brisebois Henri de l'Eucharistie	Ottawa (Canada)	07-08-22	02-02-40
30	Sr. Yvonne des Anges Olga Lemoine	La Chartreuse (France)	09-03-22	02-02-46

August 2014

02	Sr. Adeline-Marie de la Sagesse Paulette Belaud	St Laurent (France)	12-01-21	02-02-53
09	Sr. Marie Madeleine Brecy Marie Madeleine des Anges	St Laurent (France)	18-06-20	02-02-45
13	Sr. Anne-Marie Thibault Xavier-Marie du Christ	St Laurent (France)	28-04-36	02-08-39
16	Sr. Bibiane Mageau Ubalde de Montfort	Ottawa (Canada)	07-01-21	02-08-44
22	Sr. Marguerite Latrémouille Paul de la Rédemption	Ottawa (Canada)	04-02-23	02-08-45
24	Sr. Dolores Pelletier Dolores of Montfort	Sound Beach, NY (USA)	15-07-28	02-02-48
30	Sr. Maria Turcaud Hélène de Ste Marie	St Laurent (France)	27-01-23	02-02-44

September 2014

27	Sr. Juliette Bienvenu Adrienne de la Visitation	Ottawa (Canada)	01-04-15	02-08-33
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October 2014

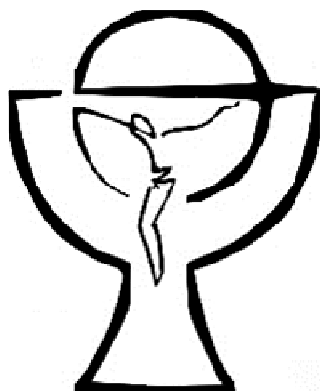
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19	Sr. Elena dell'Immacolata Giuseppina Amalfitano	Valperga (Italy)	06-02-31	02-02-54
27	Sr. Marthe de St Yves Ambroisine Roué	St Laurent (France)	27-11-21	02-08-43
30	Sr. Anne-Marguerite du Calvaire Marguerite Pleiber	La Chartreuse (France)	10-04-24	02-02-46

November 2014

08	Sr. Christine de la Trinité Maud Soulard	St Laurent (France)	20-04-28	02-08-55
09	Sr. Anne Cattet Françoise de la Croix	St Laurent (France)	02-11-21	02-08-45
13	Sr. Margaret Gaydos Mary Margaret of the Cross	Brentwood, NY (USA)	21-08-24	02-08-58
14	Sr. Marthe Bossé (Marthe-Joseph)	Ottawa (Canada)	25-12-24	02-08-44
15	Sr. Cécile Stevant (Célestine de Marie)	La Chartreuse (France)	14-05-26	02-08-46
15	Sr. Carmen-Teresa del Espiritu Santo Carmen Segura Sanchez	La Chartreuse (France)	29-10-28	02-02-60
21	Sr. Teresa di Maria Immacolata Maria Ciotti	Sanremo (Italy)	11-09-33	02-02-59
22	Sr. Céleste de Jésus (Marie Benet)	St Laurent (France)	31-10-18	02-02-41
22	Sr. Pierre-Marie de la Trinité Michèle Bouchereau	St Laurent (France)	11-04-27	02-08-55
23	Sr. Marcelle-Angéline Ginette Venault	St Laurent (France)	26-12-24	02-02-48
24	Sr. Maria de Saint Louis Jeanne-Louise Séité	La Chartreuse (France)	03-03-15	02-02-38
25	Sr. Alice Le Fur Jeanne du Divin Cœur	St Laurent (France)	02-02-22	02-08-44
26	Sr. Marthe des Anges Anne-Marie Liliane Bernard	Carrefour (Haiti)	07-05-26	02-02-48

December 2014

01	Sr. Antonietta della Croce Teresa Pierini	Valperga (Italy)	11-06-21	02-08-43
17	Sr. Alice Le Gall Corentine-Marie de l'Immaculée	La Chartreuse (France)	24-07-23	02-08-58
18	Sr. Renée Quéré (René de St Jean)	La Chartreuse (France)	14-10-19	02-02-43
18	Sr. Jeanne Dostaler Alfred du Cœur de Jésus	Ottawa (Canada)	08-10-15	02-02-36
20	Sr. Olimpia dell'Immacolata Rosa Cagliani	Valperga (Italy)	26-08-31	02-08-54
21	Sr. Françoise Marie de Jésus Françoise McNicoll	Ottawa (Canada)	02-10-36	02-02-56
21	Sr. Marie- Jeanne Coiro Léonard de l'Assomption	St Laurent (France)	15-04-27	02-02-51
27	Sr. Juan de la Inmaculada Ana-Mercedes Rincon Pardo	Villavicencio – Meta (Colombie)	05-09-28	02-08-54
27	Sr. Augustine Vinet Marie de St Augustin	St Laurent (France)	09-12-21	02-02-45



« ... I am not ashamed,
for I know him in whom I have believed
and am confident that he is able
to guard what has been entrusted to me
until that day. »
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