



# L'Écho montfortain

IN THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER...

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## OUR DECEASED CONFRERES IN 2013



**Father Denis BURBAN, S.M.M.**

**(1940 – 2013)**

who died in Cholet (France), on 4 January 2013,  
at the age of 72 with 50 years of Religious Profession.

Father Denis Burbán was born on 26 May 1940 in Malansac in the Morbihan. His parents, Jean and Thérèse Thorel, were farmers. Denis was baptised on the day of his birth; he had three brothers and five sisters.

From 1952 to 1961, Denis did his secondary studies at the Calvaire in Pontchâteau. After his novitiate in Chézelles, where he made his first profession on 15 September 1962, he went to the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu from 1962 to 1964. Then there was the period of his military service in Cherbourg and Biscarosse from July 1964 to October 1965. After this he attended the scholasticate in Dreux for his theological studies (1965-1969). He made his perpetual vows in Chézelles on 8 December 1968, then was ordained deacon in the cathedral of Chartres on 29 June 1969, and priest in Malansac on 7 September 1969 by Mgr. Boussard.

Although his own wishes favoured Madagascar, Father Denis left France for Argentina “at the voice of his Superior” (as Father de Montfort would have said!). First of all he had to learn the Spanish language in Madrid, then he joined the Montfortian team in Fiorito on 8 May 1970. It was just a few years after the heroic time of the Montfortian foundation (1966) with the pioneers, such as Fathers Georges Chanterel, Emile Ménétrier, Lucien Marchais, Rémi Morel, Pierre Guilbert... From 1971 to 1974, Father Denis was at Santa Rosa de Rio Primero (Cordoba). And after his home-leave he went back to Fiorito. He was appointed Provincial Delegate for Argentina from 1977 to 1980, then again from 1980 to 1984, and bursar of the Argentine region beginning in 1988.

With his confreres, Father Denis gave priority to the poor in those deprived areas. They had nothing, but Denis was strong and the heaviest work did not make him fear. He did not spare himself in either the material domain, or in the spiritual. Father Denis had a special devotion to Our Lady of *Caacupé*.

It was in 2009 that Father Denis returned to France afflicted by the sickness that was to carry him off on 4 January 2013. The community of La Chartreuse welcomed him

from 2009 until 2012. But his heart and his spirit were still in Argentina... At the beginning of 2012, Father Denis joined the community of the Holy Spirit in Saint-Laurent, his health diminishing little by little. Father Denis was tough on pain; he never complained. He was patient in suffering and always smiling. He had kept his sense of humour. He always took an interest in his confreres, of whom he would often ask news. And right up to the end, he retained his love of Spanish...

Father Denis left us on 4 January early in the morning: anxious, no doubt, to join the Magi on their journey to find the Messiah... Dear Father Denis, may the Lord welcome you into his house, where you will find Jesus and Mary, his Mother.



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**Father Vincent CUNNINGHAM, S.M.M.**

**(1918 – 2013)**

who died in Bay Shore, NY (USA), on 18 January 2013,  
at the age of 94 with 56 years of Religious Profession.

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Father Vincent Cunningham, SMM, a member of the US Province died at Bay Shore January 18, 2013 at the age of 95. He was born in Ireland July 23, 1918. During World War II, he entered the Montfort Seminary in the English Province and studied philosophy in France with the Montfort Missionaries. Because of the war he left France to return to Ireland and worked in the Government offices. He came to the United States in the 1950's and worked as a sacristan at a parish in Cambria Heights, NY. There he met with a Montfort Father, Bernard Blood, SMM and reconnected with the Montfort Community. He made his novitiate at Hartford City, Indiana, and after his first profession August 1956, he continued his theological studies at Litchfield, Ct. and was ordained March 12, 1960. His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Mary Gate of Heaven, Ozone Park, NY. He then began a twenty five year ministry as Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip, NY until his retirement, with residence at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, NY.

In Community Father Vinny was known as the “Quiet Man”. A very interested part of the Community his person and presence were important. He was always alert and “alive” to the happenings there, with a gentle smile and quiet laugh! It was a constant comment by the Community that he prayed the Rosary many times each day raising his “walker” or cane to travel the perimeter of the house, with the Rosary in hand. He was always present in chapel every day for common prayer together.

He participated in all the house activities and always could add his own quiet comments with eyes wide awake and a constant smile! This “quiet man” added “Spirit and life” to all of us!



## **Father Albert DEFÈSCHE, S.M.M.**

**(1918 – 2013)**

who died in Monschau (Germany), on 23 January 2013,  
at the age of 94 with 72 years of Religious Profession.

On 4th of July 1918 Wilhelmus Albertus Defèsche was born in Heerlen (the Netherlands). In 1932 he entered the minor seminary in Schimmert, followed by a year's noviciate in Meerssen, which was concluded by his first profession on 8 September 1940. In spite of the war Albert went to the major seminary in Oirschot, where Mgr. Mutsaerts ordained him priest on 17 February 1946.

A year of eloquence in Simpelveld was followed by a year learning Portuguese in Amadora (Portugal) for his mission for Mozambique. He worked there in Nangololo, Bomela/Mueda and Imbuho. Forced by the political situation Albert left Mozambique and went to Brasil. He worked almost two years in Usiminas. In 1968 he returned to Europe for good, where he worked as assistant and parish-priest for sixteen years in parishes in Roetgen and Mechernich-Bleibur in Germany. On 8 August 2011 he was taken into care in the Maria-Hilf-Stift in Monschau. The sisters took care of him full of love.

Albert dreamed of becoming a missionary. He had to study for it, which was not his greatest hobby. He didn't like his study time in Schimmert. In Oirschot he enjoyed playing football and a game of cards, next to the studying, of course.

After his ordination and learning the Portuguese language his dream came true. He was appointed for the mission in Mozambique. For seventeen years he worked generously in the upper-area where the Macondes live, the people he was appointed for. Compelled by the situation he had - like the other missionaries - to leave because of the war for independance. Which he did with pain in his heart.

His next obedience was for the mission in Brasil. For less than two years he worked in Usiminas and was struck by the poverty of the people. He returned - as lean as a broomstick - to Europe and found work in Germany, as an assistant parish priest in Roetgen and in Mechernich-Bleibuir as a parish-priest. After his retirement he settled in Roetgen where he assisted for as long as possible.

During his pastoral activity Albert worked with a self-evident faith, not at all hindered by the tradition of the Church. His strength was his modesty, kindness, softness and good-heartedness. He was convinced that God loves people, and that is why he followed God's path. People loved him and so did his family and he loved them all. Albert lived his life in this way.

For 45 years his cousin Luise Schartmann stood by him and took care of him. Together they shared good and bad times. With great loyalty Luise visited Albert almost every day, after he was taken into the Maria-Hilf-Stift, place of care, in Monschau. We are very grateful!

Albert died peacefully. May his shortcomings be covered by the love and loyalty of the God he believed in. Albert, thank you for the person you were, rest in peace.



## **Father Johannes (Jan) BECHTOLD, S.M.M.**

**(1925 – 2013)**

who died in Eindhoven (Netherlands), on 12 February 2013,  
at the age of 87 with 63 years of Religious Profession.

Johannes Theodorus Bechtold was born on 22 April 1925 in Schiedam. He studied his humanities in Nieuwkuijk, Leuven and Schimmert. After his montfortian noviciate in Meerssen he made his first vows on 8 September 1949. At the end of his studies of philosophy and theology in Oirschot he was ordained priest on 20 March 1955. He received the obedience for Malawi and worked as a missionary in Limbe, Masanjala, Bandawe and Blantyre. From 1969 till 1989 he was a teacher at Pius XII minor seminary in Nguludi. His last function was director of the Pastoral Centre in Nantipwili. In 2004 he returned to the Netherlands, to the community of Oirschot. When this religious house was closed John moved to Huize Glorieux in Eindhoven, where he was kindly taken care of until he died.

His mother called John a problem child, because of his weak health and his strong will. Until his last breath John kept that strong will. His health had improved because of the sports he practiced in high school. Very early John showed a deep interest in everything nature had to offer. Nothing was self-evident for him. Everything had to be investigated. Via two other schools he entered the minor seminary in Schimmert. He made his noviciate and became a Montfortian. It offered him the opportunity to fulfil his dream of becoming a priest-missionary. So he could become a pastor for others. In 1955 John was ordained. But that day was for him a day of mourning because, just a week before, his father passed away. It overshadowed also his departure for the mission, because he did not want to leave his mother, all alone. Luckily he could count on his sisters and brother. Strengthened by this conviction, he left for Malawi, filled with ideals.

Some fifty years John worked in Malawi. With his 25 years of teaching at the Pius XII seminary he contributed to the education of many a priest, politician, lawyer or doctor of Malawi. It is with great gratitude that John remembered those years. He confessed honestly that he learned more from the Malawians than they did from him. Their joy, spontaneity, cheerful believing was what he missed the most, when he returned to the Netherlands in 2004.

The community of Oirschot became his new home. It was hard for John to feel at home. It was not easy for him to show or talk about his feelings. For that reason it was not always easy for his confreres to live with John. He did what came to his mind and often his confreres did not know about his plans. He loved nature, animals and plants. He did not really speak his mind, John was a thinker, somewhat introvert.

When the community was forced to move to Vroenhof, John choose for himself and left for an elderly people's home for religious in Eindhoven. In this way he could stay in Brabant, near his family, which is what he liked. In the convent nursing home he enjoyed a friendly welcome. Because he was surrounded with the kindness of the sisters, brothers and his buddy David, he soon found his niche. People appreciated him for his person, his knowledge and what he radiated. This became obvious in the last weeks of his life. Totally dependent as he was, many came to help him. Thanks to their care and kind



closeness he could die peacefully in the early morning of 12 February 2013. John gave his life back into the hands of the living God. On the Omnipresent he built his life, he entrusted Him with everything he did and gave back the gifts of life he had received.



**Brother Hervé JÉZÉQUEL, S.M.M.**  
**(1921 – 2013)**

who died in Saint Laurent sur Sèvre (France), on 2 March 2013,  
at the age of 91 with 75 years of Religious Profession.

Brother Hervé was born on 15 June 1921 in Lanhouarneau (Finistère), and baptised that same day. He was the son of Jean-Pierre Jézéquel and Jeanne Yvonne Siohan, whose family was to see the birth of seven boys and a girl. Hervé was the brother of two other Montfort Missionaries: Father Alain and Brother Jean-Baptiste.

He made his first profession of vows in the Company of Mary on 7 October 1937 in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre at the end of his novitiate. He then took the name of Brother Jean-Marie. He was to make his perpetual profession on 19 March 1951.

From 1937 to 1939, he worked in the kitchen of our formation house in Celles-sur-Belle. Then from 1939 to 1942, he was a driver and gardener in Chézelles and Angoulême. Then the dark years of the war intervened: Brother Hervé was required to do forced labour in Germany from 1943 to 1945. These two years were to have a profound effect on the whole of his life; he would speak about them several times a day. This was a traumatising that would have a dramatic resurgence on his return from Rome, requiring a period of hospitalisation with appropriate care when he had just arrived in Saint-Laurent.

On his return from Germany, Brother Hervé was appointed to La Gardiolle where he acted as a mechanic, and was in charge of the maintenance. He knew the community in La Gardiolle well, since he had been a student there before entering the novitiate. The years he spent in La Gardiolle were years of sunshine... he spoke of them often as though to compensate for the sad years in Germany. In 1961, Brother Hervé was appointed Director of the Brothers and director of the viticulture. In 1969 he was elected to the Council of Brothers under the provincialate of Father Guiavarch; he would remain a counsellor until 1975. Starting in 1977, he made several visits to Zagreb (in the then Yugoslavia) for various works in the Congregation's first house in Croatia, a new foundation. For Brother Hervé this was another experience of internationality... a positive experience that pointed him towards Rome in 1982.

It was in Rome that Brother Hervé became known and appreciated by the whole Congregation. He was to spend 25 years there in the service of the General House (though only the occasional services were originally foreseen!). Everyone remembers his smile, his availability, his air of welcome; always ready to help, to render service, to give a helping hand. He was, at one and the same time, gardener, cellarer, vine-grower, plumber, repairer of anything at all, ingenious in his methods of repair. But from Rome he always

maintained very close links with La Gardiolle, his community of reference. And he had always a close bond with his family and with Brittany.

Regarding his relations with his family, here is one instance: on 27 May 1962 he asked the Provincial Superior for permission to go home for the Golden Wedding of his parents; the reply came on 31 May: “Yes, of course you can go to the Golden Wedding of your parents. You will tell them of my heartfelt gratitude for having given three of their sons to the Lord.”

It was in March 2007 that Brother Hervé returned to France; not to La Gardiolle but to La Chartreuse to be closer to his family. In November of that same year, as his health was deteriorating, Hervé was appointed to the Mother House in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre.

In the footsteps of Brother Mathurin, the first companion of Father de Montfort, Brother Herve, for more than 75 years, wished to “realise ever more and more, with the help of Our Lady, the religious ideal proposed to us by Father de Montfort” (from his letter requesting the renewal of his vows on 9 June 1946). May Our Lady now lead him into the Father’s Dwelling.



**Father Efraín RODRÍGUEZ RODRÍGUEZ, S.M.M.**  
**(1929 – 2013)**

who died in Bogotá (Colombia), on 2 March 2013,  
at the age of 83 with 62 years of Religious Profession.

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Father Efraim Rodriguez Rodriguez was born in Sesquilé-Cundinamarca on 6 November 1929, the son of Paulino Rodriguez Roza and Maria Reyes Rodriguez. He was baptised on 28 November following, and was confirmed as a disciple of the Lord at the age of four. He entered the seminary in Choachí at the age of 13, and finished his secondary studies there in 1949. He began his novitiate on 2 February 1950 and made his first profession, exactly one year later, in San Juanito-Meta. He studied philosophy and theology in the Major Seminary of Alban-Cundinamarca. There, on 2 February 1956, he made his perpetual profession. His priestly ordination took place on 5 August of the same year in the same place.

His first obedience was as a teacher in Choachí at the minor seminary until 1957. In 1959, he worked as an itinerant missionary in Puerto Carreño and Sogamoso. After this, he spent two years as a curate in the parish of Puerto López-Meta, followed by a relatively long stay at the minor seminary of Restrepo-Meta as a teacher. This was from 1962 to 1967. From there, he returned once more as curate in Puerto López, a period from 1968 to 1971. In 1972, he returned to teaching with a post in the minor seminary of Restrepo, where he stayed until 1978. In 1979 he took a break and was sent as curate to St Martin-Meta.

From 1980 to 1983 he was teaching in Restrepo for a third time; then until his arrival at the Foyer in Choachí, we find him acting as a curate in various parishes,

like San Martin from 1984 to 1985; 'Nuestra Señora del Carmen' in Acacias for three periods: 1986-1993, 2002-2007 and 2008; 'San Benito in Villavicencio from 1994 to 1995; and 'San Luis Beltran' in Medellin 1996-2001. He arrived in Choachí, at the Foyer St. Louis Marie de Montfort, for elderly and sick confreres, in 2010, and stayed there for the rest of his life.

Father Efraim was noted for his human qualities, such as intelligence, a good sense of humour and constant joy. Always calm and patient, a good brother, able to show gentleness and respect always in his interactions with others. A humble religious, he recognised the spiritual distance separating him from the one who had called him from an early age into his service. His missionary life was played out between periods in the minor seminary and the parishes.

Perhaps the words of Sr. Dolly, a Daughter of Wisdom, can help us to understand the profound choice of this great priest: "All the time I was in Acacias, I kept in close touch with Father Efraim, passionate about the way of living out his vocation as a priest and an impeccable religious and confrere. I will never forget how Father Efraim, on top of his parish apostolate, always sought to get close to the poor, to those who needed support in mourning the loss of loved ones, to those who wanted to get back into life. With these he was compassionate and merciful, always ready to serve them without thinking about the time or his health. He stayed in the parish despite the changes and crises of quite a few of his confreres. There were difficult moments, but he was able to deal with them with bravery and courage. He always welcomed us with a beautiful smile and with great sympathy. He always exercised his ministry with dedication and sensitivity towards others. All of us, his parishioners, could admire the respect, poverty and simplicity of a Montfortian missionary priest. God welcomes him into the heavenly homeland, and from there he continues to intercede for the whole Montfortian community."

At the fixed hour and the chosen time, his good heart ceased to beat and our brother came to the final meeting, the last call, the inevitable invitation to share in the banquet of the kingdom, prepared before all ages, for those who love the Lord.

In the assembly of the saints and the elect, Father Efraim prays that our Montfortian Province of Colombia might become green once more with new vocations and might bloom again with new children of Mary, who carry the gospel throughout the world, in particular to the poor and deprived. Peace in his tomb and glory in heaven.



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**Father Gioacchino SANGIORGIO, S.M.M.**  
**(1918 – 2013)**

who died in Redona - Bergamo (Italy), on 12 March 2013,  
at the age of 94 with 75 years of Religious Profession.

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Gioacchino was born in Biassono (Mi) on 1 December 1918 into a family of eleven children, of whom one would become a Religious Sister and one a Jesuit. He inherited from his parents a great enthusiasm for the missions. His contact with the Company of Mary came through his parish-priest who had known the Montfort Missionaries for some time. He spoke with enthusiasm of this Congregation, persuading Gioacchino to enter the Montfortian seminary.

He joined the seminary in Redona - the Villa S. Maria - in September 1931. After his secondary schooling, on 8 September 1936, his novitiate began, and he made his first vows exactly one year later. He continued his formation in Loreto (An), where he studied philosophy and theology. On 8 September 1942 he made his perpetual profession and on 10 April 1943 was ordained priest in the Basilica of the Santa Casa.

For the first ten years of his priestly life, Father Gioacchino alternated between teaching in Loreto and in Redona-Villa S. Maria and the ministry of preaching, based in the community of Treviglio, during the Peregrinatio Mariae. In 1954, he left for the United States, where he stayed until 1963. He was tireless in seeking financial resources to support the educational institutions of the province; he taught in the scholasticate in Litchfield and did not disdain ministry in the parishes. Returning to Italy, from 1963 to 1975, Father Gioacchino was committed to preaching and above all to missionary animation, in the communities of Treviglio, Reggio Calabria-Rosario - where he was also superior - and Caravaggio. In addition, from 1968 to 1971, he held the office of Counsellor and Provincial secretary. Of a jovial nature, appreciated for the style of his preaching, he loved to prepare every homily, writing them out and keeping accurate copies. In every community in which he lived, he was always a great walker. He saw one of his nephews, Fr. Giorgio Crippa, embrace the same path of Montfortian consecration.

Fr. Gioacchino crowned his missionary dream when in 1975, he left for Malawi, his first destination being Balaka. Then he dedicated himself to teaching in the minor seminary of Nankhunda and, from 1986, in that of Mangochi. In 1989 he took on the running of the Lake House. He shared in all the events that marked the Montfortian presence in Malawi in those years.

In 1997, Father Gioacchino left Malawi because of repeated attacks of malaria. Obedience called him to Reggio Calabria, first of all to the Casa della Madonna and then, in 2000, to the Church of the Rosary. Despite his age he gave himself to welcoming people and to the ministry of reconciliation.

The weight of years began to make itself felt, and Father Gioacchino asked to be transferred to Redona-Villa Montfort. There he arrived in October 2002. Especially during his first years there he did not fail to give his collaboration to the ministry. And on 12 March 2013 he died peacefully in the Lord, full of years and with almost 70 years of priesthood. He rests now in the cemetery of Bergamo.





## **Father Giuseppe CORTINOVIS, S.M.M.**

**(1949 – 2013)**

who died in Costa Serina, Bergamo (Italy), on 27 March 2013,  
at the age of 63 with 40 years of Religious Profession.

Giuseppe was born in Costa Serina (Bg) on 14 May 1949. He entered the Apostolic School of Redona in August 1960 and in the Villa S. Maria he did his elementary, middle and secondary schooling. In September 1968 he began his year of novitiate in Barzizza (Bg), which concluded with the making of Promises. He then transferred from there to Rome, where he spent his three-year degree course. Before beginning the study of philosophy and theology in the Scholasticate, he made his first vows on 15 October 1972 in Santeramo in Colle (Ba). Ordained priest on 3 December 1977, the Feast of St Francis Xavier, Father Giuseppe would have liked to begin his missionary life in India. But, having completed a specialisation in Moral Theology at the Alfonsianum in Rome, his superiors asked him to take the road to Africa.

He left for Malawi in 1981 and remained there for 31 years. He immediately settled into parish life in Mpiri, where, as well as quickly learning the local language, Chichewa, he underwent his missionary apprenticeship. From Mpiri, in 1986 he transferred to Kankao, to carry out his ministry as a parish-priest, spending his talents both in the work of evangelisation and in activities in the service of human development. In 1999 he left Kankao for the parish of Balaka; there, in addition to his priestly ministry, he co-ordinated assistance for orphaned children of parents who had died of AIDS, through adoption. In 2006, he was appointed to the care of the parish of Masuku on the border with Mozambique, but, following the unexpected death of Father Gianni Maggioni, in the first months of 2007 Father Giuseppe received an appointment to the parish of Kankao, where he remained until 2012. In addition to his purely apostolic commitments, Father Giuseppe rendered service to the Montfortian community in Malawi as a counsellor from 1988 to 1991. In addition he served two three-year terms as bursar of the Delegation, from 1998 to 2001 and from 2010 to 2012.

Father Giuseppe carried out his responsibilities with punctuality and discretion, always ready to begin again when the need arose. He did not show the zeal of the Lord like “a mighty wind”, nor like “an earthquake”, nor even like “a devouring fire”; but he came across like “the murmur of a gentle breeze” which was accompanied by a tenderness for the people, bringing many to rediscover, through his words and his mere presence, a meaning to life.

In October 2012, Father Giuseppe returned to Italy, in need of rest, but also with the intention of discerning how he might continue to invest his human and spiritual resources in the service of the mission. Joining the community of Redona-Villa S. Maria, he occupied himself in the Mission Procure and dedicated himself to the ministry that he willingly took part in, in his own native country, where you can enjoy the company of the old Mother Margherita. It was there that, on the evening of 27 March 2013, he died unexpectedly at the age of 63, due to a heart attack that occurred while he was hearing confessions in his parish church. In this same church, on 30 March, Holy Saturday, when the expectation of the Lord's Passover becomes more intense, his funeral rites were celebrated. Now Father Giuseppe rests in the cemetery of Costa Serina (Bg).



**Father Robert CLODIC, S.M.M.**  
**(1925 – 2013)**

who died in Nantes (France), on 5 May 2013,  
at the age of 87 with 67 years of Religious Profession.

Father Robert was born on 12 September 1925 in Malansac (Morbihan) to François Clodic and Marie Julienne Provost. He was baptised that same day. From 1937 to 1944, Robert was a pupil at the *Apostolic School* in Pontchâteau. Then he went to the Novitiate in Chézelles, where he made his first profession of vows on 9 November 1945.

From 1945 to 1951, Father Clodic did his studies of philosophy and theology at the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu, where he made his perpetual profession on 15 September 1950, and was ordained priest on 18 February 1951 by Cardinal Roques, Archbishop of Rennes.

Father Clodic was called to the mission in Madagascar: he left Marseilles on 7 September 1951 and arrived in Madagascar on 5 October. He was a curate in Foulpointe from November 1951 to August 1953, then in Nosy-Varika from 1952 until February 1958. After his first home-leave in France, he was in Anivorano-Est from 1959 to 1967, where he acted as curate then became priest-in-charge in 1965. From 1967 until 1969, he was a curate in Marolambo. After a year in Tamatave in the Sacred Heart parish, he went on leave in 1970. From November 1970 until May 1974, he was in Ambinanindrano-Be. Then, after taking a leave in 1974, he was appointed to Marolambo, then in November 1982 to Ilaka-Est, where he was to remain until September 1997. From that date until September 2000, he was in the Sacred Heart parish in Tamatave, then, after his final leave in France, he was appointed to Tananarive where, on 13 October 2001, he joined the community of the Foyer-Montfort (the scholasticate) in Andraisoro.

His confreres speak of him as a missionary of very great availability, never refusing the various appointments proposed for him, whether in the town or in the rural areas where he gave himself to the full. A man who was not very expansive, he had a simple and profound interior life that gave him the strength to face up to the difficulties inherent in a missionary life. Father Clodic loved community life and his precious moments of conviviality; he was very welcoming towards confreres who were passing through. He practised the “working together” involved in the mission, which he always lived with a care to follow the diocesan pastoral directives. He was very close to the people, whom he was able to listen to and understand.

On his return to France, he was appointed on 6 May 2004 to the Calvary community in Pontchâteau. There he spent a very active retirement: celebrating Mass, preaching, welcoming visitors, hearing confessions and looking after the telephone and the reception of visitors to the house. The people in Pontchâteau describe him as a very prayerful priest, never leaving aside his thanksgiving after Communion, always available for the sacrament of Reconciliation, “a man wholly dedicated to God in his priestly ministry.” They remember his walks, Rosary in hand, around the pilgrimage site. They appreciated his Eucharistic celebrations and his homilies, always well-prepared and enriching. Father Clodic was a man who was shy, but joyful, proud to have been a missionary in Madagascar, that country that he loved so much. May he rest in peace!



**Father Alfons Maria MERTENS, S.M.M.**  
**(1929 – 2013)**

who died in Dillingen/Saar (Germany), on 9 May 2013,  
at the age of 83 with 59 years of Religious Profession.

Our confrere Father Alfons Maria Mertens died on the feast of the Ascension, 9 May 2013 in Dillingen/Saar.

Alfons was born on 8 August 1929 in Bütow (East Prussia). There he spent his childhood and youth, which were overshadowed by the outbreak of war. In the last weeks of the war, he was still called up for military service, and was seriously injured by an exploding mine. With his family he came after the war to Cologne. From there, he found his way to our community, and was from 1948 to 1952 in the mission school in Reydt. Then he entered the novitiate in Meerssen (NL), where he made his first vows on 8 September 1953. From 1953 to 1959 he studied philosophy and theology in the scholasticate of the Congregation in Oirschot (NL). After his graduation, he was ordained a priest on 8 March 1959.

His first appointment took him to Bonn, where he gained pastoral experience with a year in the parish of St. Elizabeth, before he was sent to Iceland in 1960. He worked there until 1971, first as the Bishop's secretary, then as Pro-Vicar and Administrator (during *sede vacante*). From 1971 to 1974 he was entrusted with various tasks in Rome.

In 1974 he returned to Germany and took on the task of parish-priest in Welschbillig near Trier until, on 24 February 1976, he was elected as the first Provincial of the newly established German province. With much care and commitment, he built up the structure of the province. He held this office until 1986. Thereafter he devoted himself, up to the year 2000, to the support of the Missions in Fremersdorf. In the surrounding parishes of the Saarland, he was a much sought after and welcome supply priest.

In 1999, he decided to move into the abandoned monastery of Liebfrauenthal (Our Lady in the Valley) in Wied, where he served until 2007 as 'rector ecclesiae'. As a retired priest, he spent the years 2007-2011 in Rissenthal. His health became increasingly fragile, so that he had to move into our house in Fremersdorf after a period in hospital in the spring of 2011. More hospitalizations were necessary as his health and strength deteriorated and he became ever more dependent on aid. In April 2013, therefore, he had to move to Dillingen to the St. Francis Home.

In gratitude, we give him back into the hands of his Creator. May the Lord repay him for all that he did in His vineyard.

The requiem was celebrated on Thursday, May 16th, 2013 at 14.30 in the parish church of St. Mauritius in Fremersdorf on the Saar. Following the Mass we escorted him to his final resting place in the cemetery there. That evening at 6 o'clock we prayed the Rosary for him in the parish church.



**Scholastic Gideon Justus KUBEBEA, S.M.M.**  
**(1986 – 2013)**

who died in a car accident on his way from Balaka to Mangochi  
(Malawi), on 14 May 2013,  
aged 26 with 3 years of Religious Profession

Rev. Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea SMM, died on 14th May 2013 in Mangochi, Malawi at the age of 26. He died in a car accident when he was driving from Balaka to Mangochi. He was trying to avoid cyclists on the road when he finally hit an oncoming truck carrying cotton and Gideon who was alone in the car died on the spot at about 5:50 pm (17:50 Hrs) in Mpima forest, shortly after St. Johns-DMI University, and before Mangochi town.

Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea was born in Busia, a district in Western Kenya on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1986. He was the sixth born in a family of eight children (four boys and four girls). His father is Damian Wandera Ouma and his mother, Christine Narocho Ouma. Br Gideon went to Bwamani Primary School in Busia Kenya where he did his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) from 1993 - 2000. He proceeded to St Peters Minor Seminary in Kakamega- Kenya where he did his Secondary education from 2001 - 2004.

Gideon joined the Montfort Missionaries in 2005. He did three months Pre-Postulancy in Mbarara- Uganda (2005), three years Postulancy at Inter-Congregational Institute (ICI) the then Inter-Congregational Seminary (ICS) Balaka-Malawi (2005-2008) and one year novitiate (2008-2009) in Mbarara Uganda. He made his first profession on 7th August 2009 with Jailos Augustine Mpina, David Niwagaba and Dieudonne Bomalose. He did his scholasticate in Nairobi Scholasticate community and Theology at Hekima - Jesuit School of Theology, a constituent College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa from August 2009 to May 2012 and graduated with BA Theology. Then he was asked to serve in Malawi for one year for pastoral experience. He served at Sitima parish, Zomba diocese (July 17 2012 - February 1, 2013) and Namiasi Community, Mangochi diocese from February 2, 2013 to May 14, 2013 when he died. His application for Perpetual Profession was accepted by the superior delegate and his council. He died a month before the period of preparation for Perpetual Profession.

He was a jovial and friendly young man. We will miss his smiles and laughter. Due to his availability to peoples' needs, he was always the uniting figure in any community where he happened to be. If someone needed any help from Gideon, he was always ready to sacrifice his plans and give him full attention as if it were his own work. He was indeed "A man of the community." Always availing himself to others.

Gideon was an intelligent and wise young man. He was academically bright and the lecturers who taught him at Inter-Congregational Institute (ICI) the then ICS Balaka and Hekima College attest to it. He completed his Philosophical and Religious studies at ICS with First Class Honours and in the Jesuit School of Theology in Nairobi he was among the best students in Theology. Gideon's intellectual abilities were not just in books, but it would be seen practically in the way he would speak, dialogue with people, analyze situations and the decisions he would make. He was also able to express himself eloquently and put across his views in a very palatable manner. This was clearly



demonstrated when he was involved in the training of Catechists at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Nairobi where the participants in the course voted him the best facilitator and gave him an award for that.

Brother Gideon was sportive: He played Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Table Tennis. For example, in football at Hekima College he was the top scorer and the player of the tournament (2012). Br. Gideon was a focused disciplined, prayerful, critical and objective person. His untimely death is a very big loss to our Montfortian family and his biological family. Br. Gideon's favourite words were: "I am all yours and all I have is yours." (TD 233). Rev. Br Gideon Justus Wandera Kubebea SMM was laid to rest on 20th May 2013 at Montfort Cemetery Nantipwili - Malawi.

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**Brother Marcel (René LHUILLIER), S.M.M.  
(1925 – 2013)**

who died in Illiers-l'Évêque (France), on 24 June 2013,  
at the age of 87 with 62 years of Religious Profession.

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Brother Marcel was born on 21 December 1925 in Messas (Loiret) to Lucien Lhuillier and Marcelle Picot, who named him René-Noël. He was baptised on 23 April 1926. He was a baker with his father (carrying heavy bags of flour would weaken his vertebral column), then he worked in a factory and was a member of a Catholic action group. He loved to sing in the parish choir, and had a special taste for Gregorian Chant (a taste he would keep all his life). He used to say that he owed his Montfortian vocation to a parish mission preached by missionaries of the Company of Mary. René then entered the postulancy on 20 December 1948 and the novitiate in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre on 18 September 1949; there he made his first profession on 19 September 1950, taking the name of Brother Marcel.

His first obedience was to Chézelles, where he arrived on 1 October 1950. He was to be the cook in the novitiate. Then, in November 1953, he was sent to the community in La Gardiolle to work on the farm until he made his perpetual vows at the Mother House on 19 September 1955. Then he left for the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu to be a carpenter. In 1956 he returned to La Gardiolle to take charge of the livestock and the barnyard. In 1959 he resumed working as a carpenter in Paris, in the Rue du Commandeur, for two years.

It was then that he was sent to Malawi where he would be above all a carpenter. He arrived in Zomba in July 1961, and returned to France on leave only in 1967. One year later he returned to Zomba for four years. He was obliged to go back to France from October 1972 to December 1973 on account of health problems. Then there began a third stay in Zomba until 1976, when major back problems forced him to return to France and in January 1979, having recovered his health, he returned to Zomba. During his leave in France from November 1981 to February 1982, he had the sad task of assisting at the death of his mother. He returned again to France from April 1983 to April 1984 because

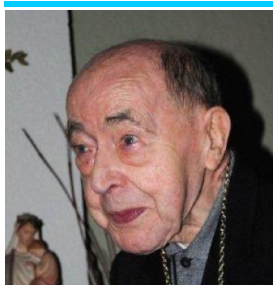
of serious spinal problems. He finally returned to France in 1993, though he continued to hope to go back to Malawi...

During his long stay in Zomba, he formed strong and lasting friendships with many French volunteers. A clever and ingenious carpenter, he was able to respond to the needs of the Montfortian mission for furniture, carpentry and repairs of all kinds... not forgetting his renowned competency in cooking and pastry-making (his famous croissants are remembered!). It was no doubt in Malawi that Brother Marcel developed his taste for fishing (in Lake Malawi) and for playing cards, especially Bridge (back in France he turned successfully to Belote, a game certainly less “distinguished” than Bridge!). But his great passion was, without a doubt, prayer, and especially the Rosary... He knew, and could testify, that his life was based on Jesus and devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Carpentry, pastry-making and fishing were to be the occupations of Brother Marcel back in France, where he was appointed to the Holy Spirit community in Saint-Laurent. Then at the end of October 2005, while the community was on the Provincial retreat, Brother Marcel decided to join a community of religious Sisters loyal to Mgr. Lefebvre; he wanted, he wrote, to pray during his last years as he had prayed during his novitiate: in Latin... It was in an establishment for elderly people that depended on this movement that Brother Marcel would draw his last breath, not without having said over and over again that he wished to remain a Montfort Missionary and wanted to be buried in the cemetery of the community in Saint-Laurent.

May the Blessed Virgin accept the prayers that he said so often:

*Eia ergo, advocáta nostra,  
Illos tuos misericórdes óculos  
Ad nos convérte.  
Et Iesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui,  
Nobis post hoc exsílíum osténde  
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo María.*



**Father Henricus (Heinz) MENNENS, S.M.M.**  
**(1912 – 2013)**

who died in Herent (Belgium), on 13 July 2013,  
at the age of 100 with 79 years of Religious Profession.

Henricus Matthias Mennens was his official name. He was born in Freisenbruch (Germany) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1912, hence his name Heinz. For some time he was the oldest confrere in the congregation. Six months ago we celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. At that time he was still on his feet, literally, but since the beginning of the new year his health started deteriorating. A fortnight ago we had to take him to a carehome for the elderly, Betlehem in Herent where he peacefully passed away in the early afternoon on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

He went to secondary school in Schimmert (NL) from 1926 till 1932 and subsequently did his noviciate in Meerssen (NL) where he took his first vows on 8<sup>th</sup>

September 1933. In Oirschot (NL) he studied philosophy and theology and was ordained priest on 12th February 1939. The same year (the beginning of the war) he went to Rotselaar to teach till he retired. He was good at languages: Dutch, German, French, English, Latin and Greek. It strikes me that his letter for his noviciate was written in perfect French and that it was signed with 'Henri Mennens'. A year later, for his first vows, his letter was written in Latin starting with the words 'Ego Henricus-Maria Mennens'. And what's more: he died on 13th July, the feast day of St. Henricus.

In a small note written in 1937, I read that Heinz wanted to do missionary work, but that, according to his teachers, he was more suited for teaching considering his talents and weak health. As such Heinz devoted himself completely to developing the intellectual and religious formation of young people. No doubt for years he had strong hopes that at least a few youngsters would join the Montfortian congregation, which actually happened. A true characteristic of Heinz was his flexibility: each time changes took place in the school's schedule, Heinz was willing to fit in. Whatever his superior asked, he did it, no matter the efforts he had to make. This was not always easy because of his taste for accuracy (everything had to be perfect).

We have no idea how many students he taught during his lifetime. He was a very idiosyncratic teacher. Lots of anecdotes could be told! For the celebration of his centennial teachers and tutors had made a very lively evocation of the colourful person Heinz was. As such they expressed their sincere gratitude for all his hard work and activities in the team of fathers and brothers in Rotselaar.

Those 35 years as a teacher and another 5 years as a secretary of the school-principal were a wonderful time for Heinz. The period that followed however appeared to be the most difficult one: he was asked for all sorts of things in totally different areas. First there was the request by Bishop Frehen to become chaplain in Iceland in a community of Sisters. When his superior suggested that he'd better go on trial for two months (the duration of the summer holidays) he refused saying: 'you know perfectly well that I would very much like to work there for 2 years'. Fortunately he was able to postpone his stay because there was a small problem which had to do with his retirement: in order to receive his full pension he had to teach one more year (till 1974), followed by 5 more years as a secretary. But bishop Frehen insisted and it was not easy for Heinz to make up his mind. Finally he tried to work there for a short period (1980-1981) but he was far from happy.

Next Frans Swerts asked for his help in D'Hoppe. For many years Heinz used to assist the dean in Wolfsburg (Germany); he did this job with a lot of enthusiasm but to become chaplain as he was asked, was a bit too much. He did spend a very short period there though, to offer his service. But he came back to Belgium and he was glad to be able to join the animation team for the Lourdes pilgrimages. In 1989 Cees Klijs had to be replaced in the St.-Francis hospital in Heusden-Zolder; again Heinz was willing to take his place. A year later a new superior had to be appointed for the community in Rotselaar and all eyes were upon Heinz. As a true religious person for whom obedience was very important he could not but accept this mandate. He was 78 by then! The booklet which was made for his installation and which he personally illustrated says it all! Till 2003, his mandate was renewed every time; he was then 91 years old! From then on we read on his personal filing card: 'retired'. At last!

After his retirement as a teacher he often gave a positive response when his superiors made an appeal on him, even though it was rather demanding. He had a good

sense of humour and at the same time he had his two feet on the ground, but his motto which I will always remember, was: 'I am the happiest person in the whole world'.

Heinz, thanks a lot for your generosity, your flexibility even when it took some effort. And thank you for your precious honesty.



### **Father Martial RAMAMONJISOA, S.M.M.**

**(1973 – 2013)**

who died in Toasmasina (Madagascar), on 23 July 2013,  
at the age of 40 with 14 years of Religious Profession.

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ living in me” (Gal 2:20). This was the motto of Father Martial. In baptism, he was united with Christ, dead and risen (cf. Rom 6:3-4), but he wanted to live out even more this consecration, and so he committed himself to the religious life in the Company of Mary, in order to follow Christ, Wisdom Incarnate, and to proclaim the Good News, especially to the poor for the glory of God.

Who was Father Martial Ramamonjisoa? Born on 19 January 1973 in Fandriana, into a family of seven children, of whom he was the fourth, he had his primary and secondary education from the Daughters of Wisdom and his college education from the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Fandriana. It was in frequenting the services of the parish of Fandriana that his priestly vocation began. Afterwards he entered the diocesan minor seminary in Fianarantsoa (1990-1992). It was there that he asked to join the Company of Mary.

Father Martial was part of the group of five pre-postulants of 1993-1994 in the Foyer Nazareth Salamazay Toamasina. After this first experience he was admitted to the postulancy in the Foyer Montfort Andrasoro in Antananarivo to study philosophy for three years at the Major Seminary of St Peter and Paul in Ambatoroka (1994-1997). At the end of his philosophy studies, he made his novitiate in Antampon'Ankatso Antananarivo. He made his first vows on 8 September 1998. He continued his theological formation for three years in the Major Seminary of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus in Faliarivo in the capital. After his perpetual profession, he was ordained deacon on 2 February 2003 in the parish of Andrasoro and was ordained priest on 2 August 2003. Two of his friends became priests and two Montfortian Brothers in the Company of Mary.

After his ordination he was sent to work in the bush in the district of Antsiramandroso for nine years (2003-2012). In October 2012 he was appointed curate of the Sacred Heart parish in the town of Tamatave and chaplain to the Children of Mary of the diocese of Toamasina. He hesitated, but in the end he obeyed the request of the Bishop. But on 23 July 2013, he died suddenly at the age of 40, with 15 years of religious profession and ten years of priesthood.

Father Martial was a smiling, humble and sociable man, but very timid; he did not like to make himself noticed. He was a sensitive man but capable of serving other people and of animating the group life, especially of the young and the children. He did not like



giving long homilies, for, in his opinion, they should be short, attractive and expressing what was essential. His hobbies were playing the guitar and listening to music. He was a fervent Montfortian, and was part of the spirituality commission working at a deepening of Montfortian spirituality. He played a part in the translation of the writings of Montfort into Malagasy. A responsible priest who was close to the people, he chose a simple life-style like the people of his district when he was working in Antsiramandroso, and preferred to go about on foot or on a bicycle. He did not ask for a car, and it was only towards the end of his mission that he accepted a motor-cycle. He was able to animate the Christians to support their priests, with the consequence that he had rice stocks sufficient for the whole year. A man of faith and prayer, he was never without his Rosary, his breviary and his crucifix. "Where is my crucifix?" he asked before his departure for the Father's house.



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**Father Joseph TELCIN, S.M.M.**

**(1974 – 2013)**

who died in a car accident on his way from Abricots to Jérémie (Haiti),  
on 23 August 2013,  
at the age of 38 with 12 years of Religious Profession.

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Born in Bombardopolis in the North-West of Haiti (in the diocese of Port-de-Paix), on 11 October 1974, Joseph did his primary schooling in his native village. Beginning in Bombardopolis, his secondary education continued in Port-au-Prince. After a year's postulancy in Bassin Bleu, he entered the Montfortian novitiate in Lavaud/P-de-Px (1999-2000). After the scholasticate (Cazeau 2000-2002 and CIFOR 2002-2006), Father Joseph was ordained priest on 15 April 2007 in Gros Morne, in the diocese of Gonaïves. The same year he received his first obedience for the Montfortian community of St Louis du Nord, then, in 2008, for that of Gros Morne.

Of a jovial nature, Joseph had inherited the wisdom of the brave people of the back country who were used to the struggle for life. In the back country of the mountains and high plateaus of the North-West, you have to be strong to resist the rigours of cyclones as well as those of droughts bringing famine and misery. This is without doubt what explains the tough character of our confrere, and how he was able to be chosen to go and found a new Montfortian house in a remote district of the South of the country: the Bishop of the Diocese of Jérémie, Mgr. Gontrand Decoste, approached the Montfort Missionaries of Haiti with a view to entrusting them with the foundation of a new parish, whose centre would be Lassise in his diocese; this area, in fact, was placed under the patronage of St Louis Marie de Montfort.

After some dialogue and a visit to the area, a favourable response was given to the bishop, and it was Father Joseph Telcin, smm, who was chosen. He accepted with generosity and responded to the call. The experience commenced in April 2013. Father Jo dedicated himself to this foundation mission starting almost from nothing... Totally abandoned to Providence, in the manner of the pioneers who had come in days gone by to found the diocese of Port-de-Paix: those others had an advantage over him in that they

were accompanied by a lay-brother, who was both a companion and an artisan builder... In his case, Father Joseph could count only on the grace of God and the warm welcome of his parishioners, who for the most part were as deprived as himself.

It needed audacity in the superiors of the Montfortian Province of Haiti to respond to the call of the Bishop of Jérémie! And it needed audacity in Father Joseph to respond to the call of his Provincial and dedicate himself to this difficult ministry. He did it without ever abandoning his simplicity and good-nature. Death dragged him suddenly and precociously from this beautiful Montfortian mission... A motor-cycle accident hurled him from a cliff-top, and he literally broke his neck! And we were left stupefied before the mystery, like the prophet Jeremiah before the distress of the people (Jer 14:18b): “even prophets and priests ... at their wits' end...!” Eternal Wisdom of God, your thoughts are not our thoughts... you have accepted the sacrifice of Father Jo. You will know how to transform it into abundant fruit for the benefit of the parishioners of Lassise, and to raise up, at the right time, another shepherd like him, after your own heart!

The funeral of Father Joseph, celebrated in the parish centre of St Louis King of France, was grandiose and worthy of this valiant apostle who left to found a “Montfortian” parish in difficult circumstances. About sixty priests concelebrated with three bishops. A considerable crowd attended: the relations of Father Joe, his Montfortian family, many religious, male and female, seminarians, faithful from the diocese of Jérémie, where he was on mission, from the diocese of Port-de-Paix, where he was born, from the diocese of Gonaïves where he was on mission in Gros Morne before leaving for the South... Those in charge spared no expense to ensure a last homage that was well-deserved: return tickets for the Provincial and his Vicar to go to Jérémie for the funeral; many efforts by the Bursar to have his body repatriated from the department of La Grande Anse/Sud to Port-au-Prince, so many material preparations and contacts... the mobilisation, under the guidance of the parish-priest, of all the people of the parish centre of St Louis King of France for the reception and the carrying out of the funeral service. All the confreres of the Province were present, of whom some, on mission in foreign parts, were in the country for a short stay... The ceremony, warm, and crowning all the various conjoined efforts, represented a beautiful “à Dieu” in line with the apostolic commitment of God’s servant. The burial took place in our family vault, beside our young confreres who were killed in the earthquake of January 2010, and some of our elder confreres, both foreign and native, who have gone before us to the house of the Father and rest in the peace of the Foyer de Charité Sainte Marie of Port-au-Prince.



**Father Johannes [Jo] GELISSEN, S.M.M.  
(1934 – 2013)**

who died in Leuven (Belgium), on 29 August 2013,  
at the age of 78 with 57 years of Religious Profession.

On Thursday 29th August seven people had gathered around Jo's bed in hospital as was planned beforehand, to attend the sacrament of Extreme Unction. Jo seemed to be asleep but now and then he reacted in one way or another. There was a serene atmosphere. Ten minutes later he 'left' quietly; it was as though he had been waiting for us.

Jo was born in Heerlen (NL) on 27th December 1934. After primary school he went to secondary school in Schimmert and afterwards to D'Hoppe (B) to do his noviciate with the Montfortians. He made his first profession on 8th September 1955. He studied philosophy and theology in Oirschot (NL) and was ordained priest on 12th March 1961.

He longed to become a missionary. With this idea in mind he went to Schimmert and all through his scholasticate he cherished this wish. And yet, after his ordination, he was asked to do the 5th year in Leuven, to settle in Rotselaar and to remain at the disposal of the Montfortian Seminary as it was called in those days. The community used to assist on Sundays in the neighbouring parish Wilsele-Putkapel. From 1961 onwards Jo was in charge and he enriched himself with experiences that became very important later in life.

From 1962 onwards Jo was subsequently a teacher of Latin and religion, class tutor and dean of KAJ (Young Catholic Workers) and supervisor in the school. Although he explicitly expressed his wish to do more typical priestly work in 1973 or to do missionary work – he suggested the Congo or Brasil – he was asked to become principal of the boarding school. School and boarding school were in the midst of a reorganization process and he appeared to be indispensable. As always when someone appealed to him Jo put all his personal longings aside. All sorts of new initiatives grew and were put in place; those were the golden years. A new, bright future lay ahead for the school and boarding school.

But he kept longing for more priestly work. Father Vrebos in Putkapel, who very much appreciated Jo's weekly help and who held him in high esteem, saw him as the perfect person to replace him. He pushed him a little and Jo finally made up his mind. In 1982 he resigned as principal, but it took another two years before they finally accepted his resignation. On 2nd August 1985 Cardinal Danneels appointed him parish-priest. With a lot of enthusiasm he started his new job. His silver jubilee in 1986 was a fine evidence of the warm welcome he received from his parishioners. It had taken him 25 years before he finally could devote himself to priestly work! On 1st July 1989 he was appointed dean in Herent but he remained in Putkapel. This extra job was a real challenge to involve others, lay-people, in pastoral work. The parish choir flourished as never before, the group of proud altar boys grew steadily, catechists did a wonderful job, the interior of the church got a face-lift. In other words: a strong parish team was established and kept things going. Round and about the church some alterations too took place, among others a genuine carillon was installed.

The year 2000 was special. The chapter of 1999 elected him at the last minute as superior; now he had a double task: superior and parish priest.

It was part of his character to take initiatives and Jo was a 'builder' but then he had little choice: it was the time that difficult choices had to be made. I just mention a few of them: he and his council had to put an end to the work in Le Carrefour, the Montfortian retreat house and finally sell it; he had to return the parish church Our-Lady-Mediatrix to the diocese; to end all responsibility of the Belgian Montfortians in the Congo; he was responsible for the transfer of school and boarding school in Rotselaar and finally at the end of his mandate he prepared the transition of vice-province to general delegation. But what saddened him most was that there was no successor for his parish in Putkapel when he had to retire at the age of 75. He, a builder, had to put a lot of energy into managing the end of a number of initiatives that were once thriving, but now declining. But here too he could remain who he was.

Jo, claiming he was no theologian or a man of theory, had a great heart, a heart that could listen and find the right words. Speaking the language of the heart he opened many doors, literally and figuratively. He had a weakness for poor people and painful situations. With his warm heart he brought relief; no miracles happened but he was there and it meant a lot to many people. He gave flesh and blood to the well known saying: 'shared happiness is happiness doubled, shared grief is grief halved'.

And yet he was full of energy; just remember the numerous activities in Rotselaar, e.g.: for more than 10 hours a day he was overseeing, he cut the lawns, built a sheepshed and a sportshall, coached young football players, animated youth camps, and so on ... He used to travel a lot and enjoyed being in other countries, nearby or far away. And yet, he also had his still moments, close to the Lord. Already at an early age Montfort had led him to Mary. He never missed an opportunity to participate when something which had to do with Montfortian spirituality was organized. In everyday life Mary often was his refuge, which doesn't surprise anyone who knew Jo as someone who spoke in simple words from heart to heart. As such he was really happy when he had the chance of doing a pilgrimage, either as a guide or as participant; there was hardly any difference. It was all about meeting: meeting the Lord, meeting Mary, meeting fellow men.

Jo's life was built on friendship, strong ties with his family nearby and far away, ties with his confreres, ties with fellow workers both in the pastoral field and the social field. Jo was very grateful, he surely would have liked me to express his gratitude today. In his name I would like to say thanks to everyone who supported him. And no one will be jealous when I mention Agnes Dewolf particularly, it was she who surrounded Jo with so much care even in the most painful situations till the end.





**Brother Léonard LAROUCHE, S.M.M.**  
**(1924 – 2013)**

who died in Montréal (Canada), on 22 September 2013,  
at the age of 89 with 64 years of Religious Profession.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our dear Brother Léonard Larouche, s.m.m., in the infirmary of the Capuchin Fathers and Brothers, situated near the Shrine of Reparation in the East of Montreal.

Our confrere died on Sunday 22 September, about 20:00. For ten years or so he had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

He was born on 22 March 1924 in Chicoutimi. He made his first vows on 19 March 1949 in Upper Melbourne, and his perpetual vows on the same date in 1954, at the novitiate of Ste. Marie in Nicolet.

Our dear confrere was a living copy of the ideal of a brother described by Montfort in his manuscript Rule of the Missionaries of the Company of Mary: "Lay Brothers are admitted into the Company to take care of temporal affairs provided they are detached, robust and obedient and ready to do all they are told to do" (MR 4).

For several years, in our various houses, whether in Melbourne, Papineauville, Nicolet or Montreal, Brother Léonard devoted himself above all to the humble task of maintenance of the properties. He worked in different places as an assistant electrician, plumber and painter. He was a man who showed great generosity in his work, his time and his great patience. He loved to see work well done.

He also acted as sacristan for many years, in the parish or at the Shrine of Mary Queen of All Hearts.

He was a faithful religious and a man of prayer, a quiet man because of his stammer, but quick-witted and full of humour.

Many will remember him as a man who was not afraid of heights, not suffering from vertigo, as much at home at the top of a spire as on the floor of the sacristy.

His funeral will be celebrated at the Shrine of Mary Queen of All Hearts on Wednesday 25 September, at 13:30. His body will be exposed to view beforehand on that day, from 10:00, in the hall of the shrine.

May the Blessed Virgin, whom he loved so much, lead our dear confrere into the joys of eternity.



**Brother Nicolas (Albert HELMER), S.M.M.  
(1919 – 2013)**

who died in Saint Laurent (France), on 28 September 2013,  
at the age of 94 with 69 years of Religious Profession.

Albert Helmer was born on 7 June 1919 in Metz (Moselle). His father's name was Auguste, and his mother's Marie Meyer. Albert was baptised on 14 June 1919 and confirmed in Metz in 1932. The 1939-45 war dispersed the family, made up of the parents and 5 children: 3 boys and 2 girls. From the Moselle, Brother Nicolas would keep a good knowledge of German.

On 19 March 1943, having worked for the SNCF (*Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer*), Albert entered the novitiate of the Brothers in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, where he would make his first religious profession in the Company of Mary on 19 March 1944, taking the name Nicolas. From 1943 to 2013, Brother Nicolas had only two obediences: to Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre for 68 years, and to the short-lived scholasticate in Dreux from 1967 to 1969. Until 1970, his work consisted of cutting the hair of his confreres (he had a hair-dressing diploma) and also service in the bakery and the refectory. At that time, the "Holy Spirit" house counted between 55 and 60 Fathers and Brothers, of whom quite a few were working in the service of the Daughters of Wisdom. Brother Nicolas, for his part, was responsible for answering the door and for various errands for the community (the post, relations with the town-hall, the pharmacy, etc...). At the door, Brother Nicolas did not just sit unoccupied: apart from the sale of Montfortian books, medals, statues and objects of piety, he made Rosaries of legendary strength. He was very proud of his beautiful Rosaries. How many did he make in all? No-one can say!

In his various tasks, everyone noted the qualities of Brother Nicolas: he was calm, discreet, a hard-worker, attentive, with a desire to do well and to make others happy. His contacts at the door were much welcomed. He was completely at the service of the Brothers of the house. But he was also filled with the Montfortian missionary spirit.

With a passion for the history of the Congregation, of which he knew all the secrets, Brother Nicolas was a much-appreciated guide to the "Maison Longue", the cradle of our history. He delighted in keeping up-to-date various "files" on the Confreres, of the present day, of yester-year, of France and of elsewhere... taking special care of the photographs of our Superiors General and of the Montfortian Bishops and their coats-of-arms... With precision he gathered and classified the news and information concerning the Congregation.

His sense of welcome was always noticed. With great care, he welcomed the many visitors and confreres who came for meetings, on retreat or on pilgrimage. Like Christ, Brother Nicolas received many wanderers who came to our door asking for shelter of something to eat; hospitality offered to the simplest people, those mistrusted, rejected by society, those who, like Father de Montfort himself, haunted the roads as vagabonds.

It is only right and normal for us to pay homage to Brother Nicolas and to thank him, and with him all the Brothers who, along with him, have been teachers and guides for the Congregation in the house of the "Holy Spirit". On Saturday 28 September, at 10:45, our Brother Nicolas fell asleep very peacefully in the Lord, with his Rosary beads in his hand. Mary had come to fetch him.



**Father Leonardus Gerardus (Leo) BRINKMAN, S.M.M.**  
**(1933 – 2013)**

who died in Valkenburg LB (Netherlands), on 5 October 2013,  
at the age of 80 with 59 years of Religious Profession.

Leonardus Gerardus Brinkman was born on March 7th 1933 in Limbricht. In 1947 he entered the minor seminary in Schimmert. He became a Montfortian on September 8th 1954, when he made his first vows in Meerssen. His study at the major seminary in Oirschot was (nearly) finished with his ordination on March 27th 1960 by Mgr. Bekkers. His first assignment was to become a teacher at the seminary in Fatima. After studying Portuguese he left for Fatima. He taught until 1985, interrupted by five years assisting in the Olival Basto parish. Till 1993 he was superior, assistant and parish-priest in Castro Verde. Back in Fatima he became assistant-superior of the seminarists till 1999 when he was appointed to Ourique. After two years he returned to Castro Verde. In his final years he assisted in Fatima in the Sanctuary and other places. In August 2010 he returned to the Netherlands and found a home with the community of Vroenhof, where he died on October 5th 2013.

From his years as a young boy Leo wanted to become a priest or rather a missionary. It was no surprise, then, for those around him that he went to the minor seminary, aged twelve. Leo enjoyed his years of study, when he was able to develop his talent for music. Although he was a bright student, he didn't want to take government examinations. He tried to avoid becoming a teacher! But this did not help him, as after his ordination he was sent to Portugal to become a teacher at the minor seminary in Fatima. He taught English, French, Latin, Greek, music and religion. Leo was a thoughtful teacher, the students could count on him any time. As a priest he was also loved. He was open and friendly to parishioners and shared everyone's joy or grief. As well as his pastoral care he was active as a builder. He restored the basilica of Castro Verde inside and outside, with help from the communist mayor!

Leo didn't really live as a member of a community until he came to Vroenhof. In Fatima he had so many contacts. As a guest he was very grateful. His family visited him often in Fatima, because he was a much-appreciated host. Returning to the Netherlands was difficult for him. He was always telling stories about Portugal. His health was never strong. Especially his eyesight got worse and worse. He never complained, not even when the cancer took hold of him. At the end of August Leo received the last sacraments among his confreres in the chapel of Vroenhof: an impressive celebration, which ended with the Fatima hymn. Leo was slowly becoming less and less to be seen in his wheelchair and finally he did not have the energy to get out of bed.

Surrounded by his nephew Henk, other family members and his confreres, his last days passed by until he died quietly and peacefully on October 5th. In Leo we have lost a respected and believing confrere. A true follower of our Founder. We are grateful for the work of Leo in Portugal and for his interest in our province. Leo, live on with our Lord, who is your support and shield over the boundary of death.



**Father Bernard BUREL, S.M.M.**  
**(1924 – 2013)**

who died in St Laurent sur Sèvre (France), on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013,  
at the age of 89 with 68 years of Religious Profession.

Father Bernard Burel was born in Bain de Bretagne (Ile et Vilaine) on 11 September 1924, the son of Adrien (a railway worker) and Célestine Justal. He began his minor seminary training at Châteaugiron (Ile et Vilaine) (1939-1942), then moved to the apostolic school of Le Calvaire in Pontchâteau (1942). Later he went to the novitiate in Chézelles, where he made his first profession on 17 October 1945, then to the scholasticate in Montfort-sur-Meu where he made his perpetual profession on 15 September 1950. He was ordained priest by Cardinal Roque, Archbishop of Rennes, on 18 February 1951 in Montfort-sur-Meu.

Father Bernard was then appointed to Madagascar. He left Marseilles on 7 September 1951. He was a curate in Vatomandry from 1951 to 1960, with a leave in France in 1958 for his “third year”.

In January 1960, Father Burel finally returned to France because of health problems. He stayed in Paris until 1970 (first in the Rue du Commandeur, then in the Rue de la Tombe-Issoire). He did not, however, leave aside the “foreign” missions, for he was in charge of the Mission Procure team.

From 1970 until 2005, Father Burel was at Le Calvaire in Pontchâteau. He launched into *missionary animation*, going all round various dioceses (Nantes, Vannes, Rennes), and set up the famous “Missions Museum” at Le Calvaire. This missionary exhibit was to become known throughout the region: a window on our missions, but also for the sale of objects “coming from elsewhere”. He was to make Le Calvaire a place of welcome for the missionaries on leave. His commercial acumen and especially his smile, his welcoming manner and his gentleness, were to make him appreciated by everyone. All these qualities, along with his delicacy and his sensitivity to others and his sense of service, his missionary spirit and his witness of religious life, influenced his superiors to appoint him twice to the novitiate community in Pontchâteau: in 1985 and again in 1991.

Towards the end of his time at Le Calvaire, an insidious sickness began to deprive him gradually of lucidity. He was then appointed to the community of the Holy Spirit in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre in 2005. He had to leave the mission for which he had given his all, and all the people (pilgrims, visitors, clients of the museum) he had loved to serve and welcome. But he would retain to the end his gentleness, his sense of service (every day he worked in the garden, weeding; he arranged the flowers in the oratory; etc.), and his love of prayer. Certainly he got lost with regard to the time, and in the pages of his breviary and the missal... But all he had left was the present moment, a moment of grace in which he was truly present to others and to God.

“Hold on,” he loved to say to those he met; but he faded away quite suddenly. In fact, throughout October 2013, his state of health deteriorated rapidly; he became unrecognisable. Father Bernard finished his missionary race on 1 November. May he join the Lord in the choir of all the saints!



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**Brother Jacques JULIEN, S.M.M.**  
**(1923 – 2013)**

who died in Trois-Rivières, QC (Canada), on 13 December 2013,  
at the age of 90 with 71 years of Religious Profession.

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It was with sadness and surprise that I learnt, in the early evening of this day, 13 December, of the death of our dear confrere Jacques Julien, at the residential home of the Cénacle St-Pierre, in Pointe-du-Lac, Trois Rivières.

He was born in Saint-Léon, in the county of Maskinongé, Quebec, on 11 October 1923. He made his first religious vows at the orphanage of Montfort on 19 March 1942, and went on to make his perpetual profession, on 19 March 1951, at the Novitiate of Sainte-Marie, Nicolet.

We know, of course, that Jacques was the blood-brother of our confrere Côme Julien, s.m.m.

From 1942 until 1950, our confrere devoted himself to maintenance and other services, either in Nicolet, at our novitiate, or in Lauzon, at our house of itinerant missionaries, or at Papineauville, our Montfortian seminary. From 1952 to 1954, he was the baker at this seminary.

Following on this, for 23 years in all, he was the devoted sacristan in the parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, conducted by our Montfort Fathers, in North Bay, Ontario.

Afterwards, for 5 years, he was appointed sacristan at the Shrine of Mary Queen of All Hearts in Montreal.

Beginning in 1988, he retired to Nicolet as the receptionist and in charge of the refectory. Finally in 2009 he joined our elderly confreres in Pointe-du-Lac.

Our confrere was by nature calm and composed, ever faithful to his post. He loved to keep abreast of what was going on about him, on the lookout for news of the day.

May the Blessed Virgin, whom we have just been celebrating under the titles of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Loreto and Our Lady of Guadeloupe, bear our confrere into the joys of eternity!



## FROM THE MONTFORTIAN FAMILY

### BROTHERS OF SAINT GABRIEL

<b>January 2013</b>			Age	Profession
07	Br. Anselm (V.K. Joseph)	Yercaud (India)	79	59
19	Br. Antony Thumullil	Patna (India)	81	53
<b>February 2013</b>				
19	Br. John of the Sacred Heart	Hyderabad (India)	84	63
28	Br. Adélard Faubert	Laval - QC (Canada)	103	86
<b>March 2013</b>				
13	Br. Eugène Collineau	La Hillière (France)	99	83
23	Br. Georges Petiteau	Nantes (France)	82	63
24	Br. Patrice Moreau	Nantes (France)	72	52
<b>May 2013</b>				
17	Br. Jose Kannaumpuzha	Cochin – Kerala (India)	52	31
20	Br. Jean Caillaud	La Hillière (France)	85	67
<b>June 2013</b>				
12	Br. Jean-Pierre Fradin	Port-Gentil (Gabon)	85	66
13	Br. Maxime Bergeron (Justin-Marie)	Laval (Canada)	91	75
<b>July 2013</b>				
04	Br. Paul Chalil	Hyderabad (India)	84	55
07	Br. Jean Jodoin	Laval (Canada)	97	81
<b>September 2013</b>				
09	Br. Marcel Barreteau	La Hillière (France)	92	76
12	Br. Edouard Bail	Nantes (France)	79	60
22	Br. Louis Brechotteau	St Herblain (France)	80	60
27	Br. Gérard Rondeau	La Hillière (France)	77	58
<b>October 2013</b>				
06	Br. Odon-Nicaise Kapembe Mfulu	Brazzaville (Congo)	45	17
25	Br. Denis Durand	Laval (Canada)	81	63
<b>November 2013</b>				
19	Br. Michel Taille	La Hillière (France)	86	67
26	Br. Louis Guerin	Machecoul (France)	81	63

**December 2013**

01	Br. Henri Fusilier	Nantes (France)	91	74
11	Br. Georges Soulard	La Hillière (France)	92	75
16	Br. Camille Couton	La Hillière (France)	87	70
29	Br. Jan Hugo	Liedekerke (Belgium)	76	53

**DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM****January 2013**

			Born	Profession
01	Sr. Alice Leclair (Emile de l'Ange Gardien)	Ottawa (Canada)	23-03-15	02-02-33
03	Sr. Lucia Desjardins (Lionel du Calvaire)	Montréal (Canada)	27-04-22	02-02-42
07	Sr. Maria Grazia di San Luigi (Maria Cabrini)	Clusone (Italy)	12-08-24	02-02-49
13	Sr. Thérèse Routhier (Montfort de l'Eucharistie)	Ottawa (Canada)	12-04-21	02-08-47
16	Sr. Emmanuel de Sainte Marthe (Élise Curty)	St Laurent (France)	23-08-15	02-08-38
17	Sr. Jeannine C Leclerc (Albert-Marie de Jésus)	Montréal (Canada)	01-06-31	02-02-56
30	Sr. Benoît-Marie (Marie-Alda Chavannes)	Port au Prince (Haiti)	25-11-20	02-08-43

**February 2013**

02	Sr. Hélène de Jésus (Madeleine Boulén)	St Laurent (France)	21-04-25	02-08-43
03	Sr. Emilie Leroy (Rose-Élisabeth)	Port au Prince (Haiti)	29-01-20	02-08-50
06	Sr. Paul de Montfort (Marie-Thérèse Le Madec)	La Chartreuse (France)	28-06-09	02-02-37
15	Sr Marie-Angèle de Saint Joseph (Madeleine Hulin)	St Laurent (France)	07-08-12	02-08-37
23	Sr. Maria dell'Incarnazione (Domenica Brozzoni)	Clusone (Italy)	01-12-42	02-08-63
23	Sr. Marie-Thérèse Belair (Simone de Jésus)	St Laurent (France)	18-05-24	02-08-48

**March 2013**

07	Sr. Marie-Cécile de Saint Maurice (Cécile Aubertin)	St Laurent (France)	17-04-27	15-09-49
08	Sr. Simone de Marie (Marcelle Lepers)	St Laurent (France)	06-01-11	08-09-35

11	Sr. Jeannine Richer (Marie-Zotique)	Ottawa (Canada)	23-08-19	02-02-39
19	Sr. Marthe-Élisabeth (Marthe Caillaud)	St Laurent (France)	16-09-23	02-02-46

#### April 2013

03	Sr. Odette Loquais (Bernadette de l'Immaculée)	St Laurent (France)	25-01-17	02-08-39
03	Sr. Cecilia del Salvador (María Almanza Rincón)	Bogotá (Colombia)	02-11-24	02-08-46
25	Sr. Bernadette de Marie Médiatrice (Marie-Madeleine Laroy)	Tournai – Vertefeuille (Belgium)	05-09-34	02-08-55
27	Sr. Joseph de Sainte Marie (Germaine Guinebretière)	St Laurent (France)	16-06-31	02-08-53

#### May 2013

01	Sr. Marguerite Comte (Marie-Marguerite de Montfort)	St Laurent (France)	09-06-24	02-08-50
18	Sr. Carmen Díaz Vera (Myriam Cecilia)	Bogotá (Colombia)	22-05-44	15-08-68
22	Sr. Françoise de Saint Jean (Reine Guihal)	St Laurent (France)	11-05-16	02-02-41
31	Sr. Anne-Marie Clec'h (Marie de la Compassion)	La Chartreuse (France)	26-12-13	02-08-42
31	Sr. Marie-Thérèse Mercier (Marie-Étienne de Jésus)	St Laurent (France)	28-5-21	02-08-42

#### June 2013

01	Sr. Germaine Gauthier (Adélarde de la Visitation)	Ottawa (Canada)	02-07-14	02-02-33
15	Sr. Lucille Leclair (Armand de la Passion)	Ottawa (Canada)	12-08-21	02-02-41
24	Sr. Estelle Longtin (Montfort des Cinq Plais)	Ottawa (Canada)	06-03-23	02-08-47
25	Sr. Germaine Blais (Aimée de Ste-Louise)	Ottawa (Canada)	04-07-23	02-02-46

#### July 2013

01	Sr. Maria Cecilia di Cristo Re (Zaira Bernazzoni)	Castiglione (Italy)	25-11-24	02-02-49
02	Sr. Nicole Fortier (Nicole de l'Eucharistie)	Sturgeon Falls (Canada)	30-01-25	02-08-44
13	Sr. Antoine-Marie du Christ (Alice Balcaen)	Tournai – Vertefeuille (Belgium)	08-06-32	02-08-59
14	Sr. Thérèse Deslauriers (Christine de l'Immaculée)	Ottawa (Canada)	30-05-23	02-02-54
22	Sr. Adele Maria Dell'Eucaristia (Stella Galbiati)	Valperga (Italy)	20-11-28	02-08-53
30	Sr. Madeleine Roy (Alphonse du Calvaire)	St Laurent (France)	23-01-12	02-08-38

**August 2013**

02	Sr. Maria Renata (Anna Guerinoni)	Clusone (Italy)	12-10-15	02-08-59
07	Sr. María Jael Incapié Restrepo (Augusta de Montfort)	Bogotá (Colombia)	28-04-22	02-02-50
23	Sr. Agnès de la Sainte Famille (Jeanne Veillon)	St Laurent (France)	27-02-18	02-02-42
23	Sr. Marie-Pierre du Sauveur (Germaine Ducellier)	St Laurent (France)	23-01-17	02-08-42
25	Sr. Marie des Cinq Plaies (Monique Guilloteau)	St Laurent (France)	04-12-21	02-02-43
25	Sr. Maria-Simplicia (Catharina Zijlmans)	Wijchen (Netherlands)	22-01-29	02-02-50

**September 2013**

05	Sr. Jeanne-Marie de l'Annonciation (Marguerite-Marie Piels)	St Laurent (France)	25-05-18	02-08-40
06	Sr. Amédée du Sacré-Cœur (Aline Chabot)	St Laurent (France)	12-04-20	02-02-43
14	Sr. Marie-Louise de St Michel (Joséphine Ticos)	La Chartreuse (France)	20-07-18	02-08-42
14	Sr. Gerarda Maria di Montfort (Felicita Cortinovis)	Clusone (Italy)	26-09-30	02-08-52
16	Sr. Aline Milliard (Aline of the Immaculate)	Brentwood, NY (USA)	18-11-37	02-08-58

**October 2013**

02	Sr. Renée-Marie Juin (Eugène-Marie de Jésus)	La Chartreuse (France)	16-02-21	02-08-44
03	Sr. Rafael de la Asunción (María Olimpia Jiménez Agatón)	Bogotá (Colombia)	15-05-22	02-02-43
03	Sr. Rita Beriault (Léa-Marie de l'Enfant Jésus)	Montréal (Canada)	06-06-27	02-08-53
05	Sr. Rita-Maria (Maria-Louisa Mampaey)	Tournai – Vertefeuille (Belgium)	24-04-21	02-08-46
10	Sr. Amalia dell'Immacolata (Anna Maria Bortoletto)	Sanremo (Italy)	27-03-38	02-02-58
25	Sr. Wilhelmina Johanna Maria Roerdink (Johanna van Montfort)	Wijchen (Netherlands)	19-01-29	02-02-57
28	Sr. Françoise-Thérèse de la Sagesse (Anna Marie Riou)	La Chartreuse (France)	30-06-25	02-08-48
29	Sr. Hélène de l'Immaculée (Anne Raymond)	St Laurent (France)	14-07-15	02-02-41

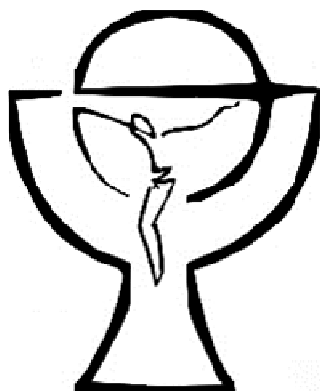


## November 2013

02	Sr. Yvonne-Marie de Montfort (Lucie Travert)	St Laurent (France)	06-03-19	02-08-47
02	Sr. Annette Picard (Lucille du Rosaire)	Frenchville, ME (USA)	01-05-16	02-02-35
05	Sr. Jean-Joseph du Sacré-Cœur (Marie Laot)	St Laurent (France)	30-05-23	02-08-53
07	Sr. Ana Paulina Serrato Narváez (Ignacio de María Immaculada)	Bogotá (Colombia)	23-06-28	02-02-55
14	Sr. Marie Montfort de l'Enfant Jésus (Yvonne Baele)	Tournai – Vertefeuille (Belgium)	25-12-25	02-02-56
17	Sr. Irène Toussaint (Edith de l'Enfant Jésus)	Edmundston, NB (Canada)	24-04-15	02-08-40
17	Sr. Imelda Poirier (Léonce de la Visitation)	Ottawa (Canada)	31-05-22	02-08-42
30	Sr. Paul de l'Incarnation (Paulette Hoquet)	St Laurent (France)	24-03-22	02-08-46

## December 2013

01	Sr. Paulette Meneau (Madeleine du Cénacle)	La Chartreuse (France)	12-09-22	02-02-50
02	Sr. Georgette Hoff (Thérèse de St George)	St Laurent (France)	14-05-21	02-02-46
04	Sr. Alphonse-Marie de la Croix (Secondine Crozara)	St Laurent (France)	10-02-21	02-02-45
10	Sr. Paulette Galmiche (Claire de Jésus) ( <i>Oblates de la Sagesse</i> )	Larnay (France)	15-03-15	27-06-37
14	Sr. Anne-Marie Giroux (Jean-Bernard de l'Assomption)	Ottawa (Canada)	15-09-29	02-02-51
22	Sr. Vittoria dell'Eucaristia (Pierina Beretta)	Valperga –Torino (Italy)	30-07-26	02-08-51
26	Sr. Margaret Quigley (Margaret of the Incarnation)	Brentwood, NY (USA)	16-04-24	02-02-44



« ... 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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