



**Father Georges FLIEG**  
**(1924 – 2014)**

*Died 2 January 2014, in Pau (France)  
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!