



Father Joseph Anthony RYAN
(1919 - 1986)

*Died 21 September 1986, in Liverpool (England)
aged 67, with 47 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Joseph Ryan was born in Liverpool on 11 September 1919. At the age of twelve, he entered Montfort College in Romsey, the junior seminary of the Montfort Missionaries, to study for the priesthood. He stayed there until September 1938, when he went to Celles-sur-Belle in France to make his novitiate. His first profession took place there on 8 September 1939. He then went to Montfort to study philosophy, but the outbreak of war, then the sudden invasion of France by the Germans, necessitated an immediate retreat to England. This was organised by Father André Roy, the French Provincial, and Father Peter Ryan, the brother of the deceased, who was at that time the Bursar of the scholasticate in Montfort. Joseph completed his philosophy and studied theology at Leagram Hall, Chipping, near Preston. He was ordained priest on 8 December 1944.

He received his first obedience from his brother, who had become the Vice-Provincial of the new Vice-Province, and was sent to Montfort College. There he remained until 1950. Then he was appointed professor of moral theology at St. Mary's Scholasticate, Church Stretton. In 1957, he became superior and bursar of the novitiate house in Totton, and in 1959 returned to Church Stretton as superior and bursar. He remained there until appointed to the mission house in Leeds in 1962. The year 1967 saw him return to Totton as superior and bursar.

After 12 years at the novitiate house, he was appointed Provincial Bursar, and took up residence in Liverpool. He carried out this office with competence from September 1979 until his recent death, which occurred on 21 September, after a journey to Canada one month previously, where he was hospitalised with a heart attack.

He will be much missed in the Province, which has lost a confrere who was always faithful to his religious commitments and who carried out his duties cheerfully, generously and without any complaints, right to the end. May God welcome him into eternal rest!

MAY HE REST IN PEACE