



Father Joseph CONNELL
(1938 - 1987)

*Died 26 September 1987, in Liverpool (England)
aged 49, with 31 years of Religious Profession.*

Joseph Connell was born in Liverpool on 12 January 1938, and was baptised there on 6 February following, in the church of Saint Patrick. When he was 11 years old, he went to Romsey to undertake his secondary studies with a view to the priesthood. In 1955 he entered the novitiate at St. Joseph's, Totton, where he made his first vows the following year on 8 September. Philosophy and Theology studies were done at that time in the scholasticate in Church Stretton. He was to spend six years there, and was ordained priest on 17 March 1962.

The start of the next scholastic year saw him at the Collegio Montfort in Rome, and he studied spirituality at the Teresianum. In 1963, he was appointed as a teacher in the apostolic school in Romsey. In 1964 he went for further studies to St. Mary's, Strawberry Hill, where he specialised in education. He then returned to Romsey to teach for a year. In 1966 he left for Malawi, where he was again involved in teaching, at the minor seminary in Nankhunda. He remained there until 1979, when he returned to England to help with the theology students in the house of studies on Highgate Hill, London.

The following year (1980) he took complete charge of the students, and would continue this function when the house of studies was moved to Homerton. In the meantime, in 1982, he was appointed a Provincial Councillor.

It was discovered that he had an incurable cancer, from which he endured great suffering, and died in Liverpool on 26 September 1987. May the Lord welcome his faithful servant into his house.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE