



Father Lawrence LITTLEFAIR
(1924 - 1996)

*Died 7 July 1996, in Liverpool (England)
aged 72, with 51 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Lawrence Littlefair was born on 5 February 1924 in Southport. He did his secondary school at Montfort College, Romsey, and his noviciate at St. Joseph's, Totton; his studies for the priesthood were done at Leagram Hall, Chipping, and St. Mary's, Church Stretton. He was ordained on 4 March 1950. In the same year he went to Malawi where he was to spend all his priestly life.

His first appointment was to Nankhunda Seminary in the Shire Vicariate. A job not sought after in any way but which proved a blessing for the Church of Malawi.

After a time he began the work which he had really dreamed of doing in the first place - working in a parish. He started Mphiri Parish which was a long way from being the pick of the diocesan parishes. The parish covered a large area and was rather isolated. In later years he always spoke of the happy period he spent there. Later he came back to education but in another role, that of Education Secretary. This meant that he was in charge of all the teachers in the diocese. Most of his time would be spent in travelling, organising pay sheets, exam papers, refresher courses, retreats.

Later, after independence, he started a parish in the centre of Zomba Township. He called it St. Charles Lwanga. Here for fifteen years he used his ingenuity and skills to run this inner-city type of set-up, his parishioners coming from all tribes and parts of Malawi and beyond. It was there that he used his aptitudes for organisation and planning. Today, 30 years later, the place is still a hive of activity. Leaving Lwanga he passed on to the Cathedral Parish of the Sacred Heart in Zomba. Here was a new type of work - hospitals, prisons and army barracks. These presented new challenges to him, especially the prisons.

For many years he was the Regional Superior in Malawi. He was involved in the changes that were evolving in the Congregation in Malawi. The confreres found him always thoughtful and kind, especially to those in need.

He had a great gift for making friends with all kinds of people. He could talk to anyone, and did. Many people will miss him

MAY HE REST IN PEACE