



Father Liam COSGRAVE

(1926 - 1994)

*Died 12 November 1994, in Dublin (Ireland)
aged 67, with 43 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Liam Cosgrave was born on 13 December 1926 at Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, Ireland, and baptised on 17 December. After his primary schooling, he attended Sacred Heart College in Cork until going to Montfort College, Romsey in 1947. He made his novitiate at St Joseph's, Totton, and was professed as a Montfort Missionary on 8 September 1951. His philosophy and theology studies at St. Mary's Scholasticate, Church Stretton, culminated in his priestly ordination there on 16 March 1957.

After a pastoral year spent at St. Mary's Scholasticate, Church Stretton, Father Cosgrave was appointed as Bursar to the novitiate in Totton, where he spent three or four years, before taking on the same (but more demanding) task at Montfort College, Romsey, for a similar number of years.

In 1965 he was appointed the first superior of the newly opened house of the Montfort Missionaries at Monaghan, which was their first house in Ireland. He was to remain in his native country for the rest of his life, serving next as Bursar at Monaghan, and as Director of Vocations in Ireland. In 1974, he moved from Monaghan to Belfast, where he acted as Chaplain, first to the De La Salle Brothers, and later to the Irish Christian Brothers, while continuing his work as Vocations Director, to which he added the task of Mission Procurator for Ireland.

In 1980, he returned to Monaghan as the Bursar, and remained there for three years, before accepting a post as curate in the parish of Baldoyle, Dublin. There he remained for the last 11 years of his life. In the last year or so, his health gave some cause for concern (he had suffered a heart attack some years earlier, from which he recovered well), but his sudden death on 12 November 1994 was a shock to all his confreres.

Father Liam was always seen by his confreres, and by all those who knew him, as a kind, caring, hard-working and practical man, and a very good priest. He had a great sense of humour, and his "one-liners" were greatly appreciated. He will be missed by many people.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE