



Father Sean O'HAIRE

(1934 - 1998)

*Died 27 March 1998, in Portsmouth (England)
aged 64, with 46 years of Religious Profession.*

Father Sean O'Haire was born on 30 January 1934 in St. Helens, Lancashire, where he did most of his schooling, except for one year at Montfort College, Romsey. He made his novitiate at Ashurst and studied for the priesthood at Church Stretton, and was ordained in 1957. He gained a degree at Southampton University before he taught at Montfort College, Romsey. He taught there for 15 years, the latter ones as headmaster. He was a very good, enthusiastic, and dedicated teacher.

He spent a few years looking after the senior students at Highgate before moving back to Montfort College as novice master, and then on to Ashurst where he was the director of the retreat centre. He was a very good preacher and spiritual director and was in great demand. He spent some time going round the country giving missions. His health was not good now and he had a kidney transplant. He was then made parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre, Liverpool. He stayed there for four years before moving down to Andover where he was in charge of the Montfortians working in the Portsmouth Diocese.

When he became ill doctors told us he would get better but they could not find out what was wrong with him and he gradually got worse. He died in his sleep on Friday 27 March in St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. One of the final images of him was him clasping the relic of St. Louis-Marie and his face lighting up.

He was a very good dedicated priest who always had time for people. He was a very prayerful man with a deep love of the Scriptures. He was a man of great faith. Although he possessed a strong personality he was very gentle, loving and wise. He was a great encourager, with a burning desire to share the Gospel. He had a great devotion to Our Lady and St. Louis Marie. At the time of his death he was Vicar Provincial and had been a Provincial Councillor for 25 years, with only a short break. He was an exemplary Montfortian, truly a great and good man who will be missed by very many people.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE