



Father Tarcisio MIOTTI
(1925 - 2014)

*Died 1 August 2014, in Redona-Bergamo (Italy)
aged 88, with 67 years of Religious Profession.*

Born on 25 December 1925 in San Giorgio in Bosco (Pd), Father Tarcisio Miotti was the first priest to come from the parish of Sant'Anna Morosina. Led by his parish-priest from a tender age towards the love of God and devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he entered the apostolic school in Redona di Bergamo in September 1939. In 1945 he was admitted to the novitiate in Belgirate (Nora), where he made his first vows on 8 September 1946. This was followed by his years of formation in the scholasticate in Loreto (An). Of a jovial and exuberant nature, he applied himself with determination to his studies in philosophy and theology and obtained good results. On 8 March 1952 he was ordained priest in the Basilica of the Holy House.

Father Tarcisio spent his first year of priesthood in the community in Treviglio (Bg), where he took a course in pastoral theology in Milan. From 1953 to 1957 he passed a sort of pastoral apprenticeship in the communities of Castellaneta (Ta), Santeramo in Colle (Ba) and Reggio Calabria, Rosary church. In 1957 he was transferred to Bari as chaplain to the CTO-Inail.

From 1961 to 1967, he was parish-priest of *Santa Maria Mediatrice* in the Borgata Gordiani district of Rome, and superior of the community. In 1967 he returned to Reggio Calabria and the apostolic school, where he was bursar and spiritual director. In 1971 he was sent to Treviglio where he dedicated himself to preaching.

There followed a number of years in contact with human suffering in hospitals. From 1975 to 1991, he was chaplain to the CTO of Bari, and from 1992 to 1996 to the hospital in Locri (Rc). His commitment to a ministry to the sick had an influence on his missionary life, and the providential accumulated experience he gained would serve him well during the three years (1997-2000) when he was superior of the community of Villa Montfort in Redona di Bergamo. Father Tarcisio made great efforts to respond ever better to the needs of the elderly and sick confreres for assistance.

After a break in Ilbono (Nu) in 2000, Father Tarcisio returned to Reggio Calabria to the Rosary church where he served as a confessor and spiritual guide. Lay-folk, priests and male and female religious all found always in the smile of Father Tarcisio a cordial welcome, and in his words, light and encouragement. In demand to help parish-priests, a sought-after preacher of triduum and novenas, he loved to give a Marian character to his apostolate, demonstrating, in Montfortian spirituality, a path of sanctification and evangelical perfection.

Though advancing in years, Father Tarcisio's missionary availability did not lessen. In 2009, he moved to Treviglio (Bg) and in 2012 once again to Reggio Calabria, where he shuttled back and forth each day between the House of the Madonna and the Rosary church.

Unexpectedly, serious health problems began to appear that brought Father Tarcisio to Redona-Villa Montfort. In that house where he had been the superior, he died on 1 August 2014. His funeral was celebrated in the church of Mary Queen of All Hearts on the morning of 4 August, and in the afternoon he was buried in Sant'Anna Morosina (Pd), his native village. There he awaits the Resurrection.