



Father Daniel HOGAN, S.M.M.
(1919 - 2009)

*Died on 16 May 2009, in Liverpool (England).
Aged 89 with 70 years of Religious Profession.*

Fr. Dan Hogan, as a religious in the Company of Mary for 70 years and a priest for sixty-five years, always sought to serve his brothers journey to God. He was “stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit” for the service of God’s people.

Fr. Dan battled long and faithfully to live up to the ministry expected of him - always with a smile on his lips, together with a gentle word of encouragement. He had so many ministries during his long life - novice master; teacher in the Seminary in Romsey and Rector of the Scholasticate in Church Stretton; Missionary and preacher of retreats in Leeds and in Liverpool; active in the Montfortian parishes; opened the Sandymount House Of Prayer; chaplain to the Seafield Sisters. He never truly retired, never stopped working for God’s Kingdom. That is what religious like Fr. Dan do!

Sometimes his famous patience must have been taxed, sometimes he was disappointed when it appeared that his advice was not listened to, or when he seemed to be wasting his time and effort trying to get people to walk in the way of God. But what he remembered more often were the joys and the successes, which were certainly much more numerous than the disappointments - for who could resist Fr. Dan’s famous charm for long? He was able to help many whose faith was wavering to find again the right path; to have a consoling word for anyone who was suffering and, for those who sought his help, to give wise and fatherly counsel.

Fr Dan made his Novitiate and Profession at Celles-sur-Belle in 1937-8 and his Scholasticate studies at Chezelles, Montfort and finally in England at Leagram Hall Chipping where he was ordained in 1943. With his profession into religious life, he was inspired by the Blessed Virgin and like his confreres he saw her as his Mother and Queen. Mary says ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour’. (Luke 1:46). Fr. Dan, following her example, never proclaimed that any successes that he had were his own. He never sought his own greatness but with Mary he was always ready to exclaim the greatness of the Lord with joy.

We, his confreres of the vice-province, who have lived with him in the religious life, can hardly exaggerate the debt we owe to Fr. Dan Hogan. His habit of prayer and dedication was a quiet but constant example; we appreciate especially his brotherly support ever present and kindly, his gentle concern for the good of his confreres, which helped and encouraged us and over so very many years. He always felt that saying the rosary was one of the best ways to strengthen his life of prayer. We remember him with a feeling of gratitude for the tradition of prayer and love of Mary that he passed on to us. He has been and remains an inspiration to us as we try to follow his example and stay faithful to the task that Christ has given to each of us.

May he rest in a well deserved peace, with Mary, St Louis Marie and all the saints.