



L'Écho montfortain

IN THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER...

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OUR DECEASED BROTHERS



Brother Gérard CHAMPAGNE, S.M.M. (1918 – 2007)

Died in Nicolet (Canada), on 12 April 2007,
aged 88 with 69 years of Religious Profession.

Our confrere Gerard Champagne died peacefully, aged 88, in our house in Nicolet. He was born on 24 October 1918 in Sainte-Clotilde, the last of a family of 12. Six of them were to enter Religious Congregations.

Gerard made his first religious profession at Montfort on 7 October 1937, so this year he would have celebrated his 70th anniversary. His first obedience was to the Notre-Dame orphanage in Montfort, where he spent two years before being sent for five years to Papineauville, where his principal role was that of baker.

He left Canada for the United States for a dozen years from 1944 to 1956, spent at Bay Shore, Hartford City and Noblesville. In these various places, he dedicated himself principally as cook. After this he was appointed for a few months to Tzouhalem in Vancouver Island. Then he returned, for a period of 14 years, to the Montfort Seminary in Papineauville as baker and bee-keeper.

After an appointment of three years in Drummondville, and another of six years in the former Provincial House (rue Stirling), he was appointed to help in the Mission Procure. With great devotion, he dedicated himself to this work for twenty years or so. It was only because of ill health that he left Montreal for Nicolet in 2000.

Our confrere was a simple and happy man, one who was intelligent and competent in all he undertook, and very dedicated. He knew how to bake bread with a nice golden crust. He had great sensitivity, and was a great lover and supplicant of the Blessed Virgin. He departed this life during the Easter octave; may the glorious Virgin present him to her Risen Son.



Father Lambert VAN DEN BOORN, S.M.M. (1917 – 2007)

Died in Valkenburg a/d Geul (The Netherlands), on 3 May 2007,
aged 90 with 70 years of Religious Profession.

Antonius Lambertus van den Boorn was born on March 7th 1917 in Maastricht. He entered the noviciate in 1935 and made his first vows in Meerssen on September 8th 1936. After his ordination on March 19th 1942 in Oirschot, he was appointed to the mission of Sintang in Indonesia. First he followed a missionary course in Nijmegen for two years. Because of WW II he couldn't leave, and so he worked for two years as a guide in the Biblical Museum (the Holy Land Foundation) and as a parish-assistant in Maastricht. Finally in 1946 he could leave for Borneo, where he worked as a missionary in Sedjiram until 1949. After that he worked in different places in Sintang: as school inspector until 1955, vicar-general of the diocese until 1966, mission-superior until 1983. Lam got Indonesian nationality in 1951. He returned definitively to the Netherlands in 1983 and became a Dutch citizen again in 1985. On request of the provincial superior, he became the superior of the community of Vroenhof in Valkenburg immediately after his return. He remained in that function until 1994.

Lam was born in a large and very Catholic family. One of his sisters became a Poor-Clare, and his brother Sjef had joined the Montfort Missionaries before him. Lam was a missionary wholeheartedly. Once in an interview, he said that every missionary is a special character with very personal qualities, charms and tricks. The same could be told of him, but without the tricks. He did the job that was asked of him very carefully, without searching his own honour. That's why everybody liked him. He always searched for an atmosphere of trust and cordiality.

In the Montfortian mission of Sintang he belonged to the first draft after WW II. In those days the mission did a lot for healthcare and education. As superior of the mission, Lam experienced many changes: non-Montfortian missionaries came to the diocese, young confreres brought new ideas and different manners, a non-Montfortian became the bishop, etc. It was no wonder that in 1977 Lam got health problems, when he suffered from angina pectoris, and ever since he felt nervous and uneasy, but that didn't affect his cordiality and kindness.

Once, when a confrere died, Lam wrote: "I am glad that he is released from his suffering". That is exactly our first reaction upon hearing about his death. The last years were difficult and heavy. He didn't have his own life under control and became more and more dependent on others. He was not comfortable anymore, in spite of the good nursing, the nearness of the confreres and, not in the least, of his family. May the Star of the Sea guide him to our Father's House to sing with his strong voice in the choir of angels and saints!



Father Alessandro LEIDI, S.M.M. (1922 – 2007)

Died in Treviglio (Italy), on 11 May 2007,
aged 84 with 57 years of Religious Profession.

Alessandro Leidi was born in Ponte San Pietro (Bg) on the 15th of July 1922. He completed his study of art at the Accademia Carrara in Bergamo. After receiving a diploma in fine arts, he did further studies in the art of fresco and ceramics. During the Second World War he served in a unit not directly involved in the hostilities. After the 8th of September 1943, he took refuge in the mountains in order to join the Resistance. At this time he had the chance to read the Treatise on True Devotion. The book struck him deeply and evoked in him a vocation to Montfortian life.

At the age of 24, he entered the Apostolic School in Redona. At his entrance to the Novitiate, his superiors wrote: “We find in him a delayed by very promising vocation, born from the desire to embrace and spread Montfortian spirituality and oriented toward the Marian apostolate. This young man brings to the Company a beautiful wealth of culture, but with a very self-effacing humility ...” A sister followed him into the Montfortian Family among the Daughters of Wisdom.

He made his religious profession in Castiglione (To) on the 8th of September 1949 and went to Loreto (An) for studies in philosophy and theology. Father Sandro requested to be ordained a priest before the end of the Marian Year of 1954, in remembrance of the centenary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. He was granted his request. In a letter to the Provincial, he wrote: “I thank you for the zeal, affection and desire which you employed in allowing me to anticipate my priestly ordination ... It is with trepidation that I approach the Immaculate Lamb, and since I know I am not yet purified enough. I ask the Immaculate Virgin, also through you, to fill me with her divine light in order to burn away my unworthiness and ingratitude, to enkindle in my heart the living flame of love, so that my priesthood will consume me in life, like a sacrificial victim...”

He was ordained a priest in Loreto (An), on the 5th of December 1954. He spent the first years of his priestly life in various communities: Reggio Calabria, Bari, Santeramo, Napoli, Roma, Caravaggio. In 1971 he came to Treviglio. P. Sandro did not abandon his artistic vocation, but fully integrated it into his missionary and apostolic vocation, conscious of being called to express in art the search for beauty as a way which leads to God, and creating with his hands figures which in some way can sing of divine glory. His works went beyond the confines of Italy and reached France (Montfort-sur-Meu), Malawi, Madagascar....

In 1984 he was named parochial vicar in the Church of Saint Francis in the western part of Treviglio. It was here, until 1992, that he dedicated himself to the pastoral care of the community and to the creation of places of worship. Artistic and Marian, meek and respectful, he related to others with kindness, but he also knew how to take a position when truth and charity were at stake. The dialysis which he was obliged to undergo weakened him. He ended his earthly pilgrimage the 11th of May 2007 in Treviglio (Bg). He was laid to rest in the cemetery of Ponte S. Pietro (Bg).

Father Jacobus DASSEN, S.M.M. (1928 – 2007)

Died in Maastricht (The Netherlands), on 24 May 2007,
aged 79 with 57 years of Religious Profession.

Brother Mariano (Maggiorino BIANCHIN), S.M.M. (1923 – 2007)

Died in Redona-Bergamo (Italy), on 24 May 2007,
aged 84 with 56 years of Religious Profession.

Father Armand BLANCHETTE, S.M.M. (1926 – 2007)

Died in Nicolet (Canada), on 28 May 2007,
aged 81 with 58 years of Religious Profession.



FROM THE MONTFORTIAN FAMILY

BROTHERS OF SAINT GABRIEL

March 2007

27	F. Carlo Necci	San Giovanni Rotondo Italie	80 ans	62 ans
30	F. André Charbonneau	Laval Canada	82 ans	66 ans
31	F. Marcelo Trascasa García	La Aguilera Espagne	87 ans	66 ans

April 2007

29	F. Marcel Alary	Residence-de-la-Salle Laval – Canada	93 ans	75 ans
29	F. Jean Le Reste	La Hillière France	86 ans	69 ans

May 2007

16	F. Henri Gauvrit	La Hillière France	95 ans	78 ans
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FROM THE MONTFORTIAN FAMILY

DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM

January 2007

			<u>birth</u>	<u>profession</u>
03	Sr Elisa della Redenzione Agnese Brignoli	Clusone Italie	18-01-18	02-02-41
03	Sr Rosalie Habasque François des Anges	La Chartreuse M. L. Trichet - France	22-04-22	02-08-44
03	Sr Anne-Marie de St Jacques Nelly Liénard	Tournai - Vertefeuille Belgique	31-01-12	02-08-48
17	Sr Iolanda dell'Eucaristia Iolanda Bossi	San Remo Italie	25-02-22	02-08-51
17	Sr Germaine Lauzon Marie-Timothée	Montréal - Salaberry Inf. Canada	09-10-11	02-02-30
20	Sr Solange-Marie Solage Grellier	Le Château d'Oléron France	16-09-25	02-08-48
26	Sr Germaine Dany Olivier de la Sainte Famille	La Chartreuse M. L. Trichet - France	21-08-11	02-08-38

February 2007

22	Sr Dorothée Boucher St Jean-de-Brébeuf	Montréal Salaberry Infirmierie	19-03-14	02-08-34
23	Sr Laure-Marie Louisa Parsy	St Laurent St Jean	14-07-21	02-02-47
28	Sr Marguerite de Marie Marguerite-Marie Rembault	St Laurent Montfort – Notre-Dame	21-12-08	08-09-32

March 2007

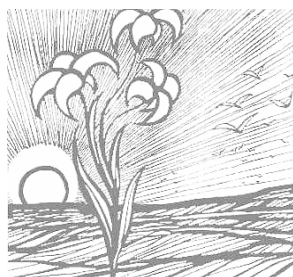
01	Sr Geneviève de l'Enfant Jésus Geneviève Leleu	Tournai – Vertefeuille Belgique	02-07-12	02-02-43
06	Sr Constance de Jésus Amélie Visseiche	St Laurent Montfort – Notre-Dame	21-03-14	02-02-37
24	Sr Lucille Picard Annette de Marie	Brentwood, NY Etats-Unis	03-06-17	02-02-36
29	Sr Marie-Agnès Marie-Marthe Blanchard	St Laurent St Jean	08-08-12	02-02-40
30	Sr Rosalie des Anges L. M. Soons	Wijchen – Leemweg Hollande	27-07 06	25-03-31

April 2007

05	Sr Yvonne de St Jean-Baptiste Marie-Philomène Boudaud	St Laurent Le Cénacle	22-05-18	02-08-43
07	Sr Rosaria Maria Anna Vitiello	San Remo Italie	10-08-20	02-02-43
08	Sr Marie-Regina Margaret Oehrlein	Brentwood, NY Etats-Unis	24-11-21	02-02-42
12	Sr Jean-Marie de l'Ascension Gisèle Membré	Saint Loup s/Aujon France	06-02-17	02-08-46
12	Sr Jean de la Divine Sagesse Thérèse Pavy	St Laurent Montfort – Notre-Dame	04-05-17	02-02-40
17	Sr Marie-Josèphe Paul Suzanne de la Trinité	La Chartreuse Marie-Louise Trichet	27-02-24	02-02-45
18	Sr Marie-Thérèse Paul Marie-Julien	La Chartreuse Marie-Louise Trichet	16-04-22	02-02-41
19	Sr Jean-Marie de la Purification Eliane Sattler	St Laurent Ste Bernadette	03-02-13	02-02-44
21	Sr Madeleine Godard Madeleine de Saint Jean	St Laurent Ste Bernadette	18-10-18	02-08-43
22	Sr Jeanne Bard Gaëtane du Sacré-Coeur	Ottawa Cté Notre-Dame	31-12-14	02-02-36
25	Sr Françoise Gouraud Marie-Thérèse de Montfort	St Laurent Le Cénacle	26-05-29	02-08-52

May 2007

21	Sr Marie de Saint Julien Aimée Moureau	La Chartreuse Marie-Louise Trichet	26-09-10	02-08-38
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**« I am the Resurrection and the Life;
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live » Jn 11, 25**