



Father Andrew MAGUIRE
(1913 - 1993)

*Died 10 December 1993, in London (England)
aged 80, with 57 years of Religious Profession.*

Fr. Andrew Maguire was born in Liverpool on 25 June 1913, and was baptised shortly afterwards in St. Sylvester's Church. After receiving his primary education in Liverpool, he went to Montfort College, Romsey, the Junior Seminary of the Montfort Missionaries. Having completed his secondary education there, he went to France to make his novitiate at Celles-sur-Belle, where he was professed as a Montfort Missionary on 8 September 1936. There followed nearly four years of Philosophy and Theology at the scholasticate at Montfort-sur-Meu. This was interrupted by the German invasion of France, when Fr. Maguire, along with about 30 other scholastics from the British Isles, managed to escape back to England. His Theology studies were completed at Leagram Hall, Chipping, the temporary scholasticate set up in England, and Fr. Maguire was ordained priest in Chipping on 8 December 1941.

His first appointment was to Montfort College, Romsey, to teach Religious Doctrine. His health, however, was never very good, and after some time he was appointed as Assistant Novice Master at St. Joseph's, Totton. Later he returned to Montfort College, and then, about 1952, was appointed to the Mission House at Horsforth, Leeds. A short while later, he became chaplain to a nursing home run by the Sisters of Mercy in Horsforth, and there he remained until January 1992, when he retired to Montfort House, Liverpool. Along with some of the other Fathers from Liverpool, he was spending some time in Montfort House, Hendon, London, because of extensive renovations to the Liverpool house, when he suffered a cerebral haemorrhage and was admitted to the Edgware General Hospital on 2 November 1993. For several weeks he lingered on, but became steadily weaker, and finally he died peacefully, having been anointed for a second time two days before, on 10 December 1993.

Fr. Andrew Maguire was a man whose gentleness and evident prayerfulness drew many people to him to seek his advice and guidance, and he was, by the same token, an excellent example to his confreres. He had a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, which must surely have been the source of his inner strength.

MAY HE NOW REST IN PEACE.