

December 23, 2007

Death Notice No. 38 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the France, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PIERRE BÈZES**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 29, 2007 in Issenheim (Alsace), in the 90th year of his age and the 74th year of his religious profession.

Pierre BEZES was born on January 27, 1918 in Salvagnac en village of Vabres (France). He entered the postulate at Montauban at the age of 10, began his novitiate in September 1933, and professed his First Vows on September 12, 1934 in St. Remy. He made his Perpetual Vows on September 9, 1942 in Tunis.

Alter completing his formation in the Province of Midi, he worked in Bordeaux and Colmar, giving his very best to his work.

Back in Bordeaux in 1946, he sought and obtained his degree in Classics from the University of Toulouse. After that, his career was set. He would become a teacher for his entire life, serving the schools where he was assigned with complete loyalty and dedication. The main two schools at which he served were those in Bordeaux and Colmar.

Once retired from teaching, he became secretary at the Provincial Administration for about nine years, prior to moving to St. Hippolyte as a his place of retirement.

How do we remember Pierre?

Pierre BÈZES was an experienced teacher, but one without any particular distinguishing traits. He was respected by all and he showed respect to all. He preferred structured pedagogy and a well ordered classroom to humor. He held his profession in high regard and gave himself the means to practice in the best conditions. That's why he had the desire to perfect its culture through trips, and special educative training sessions.

Pierre BÈZES had a deeply personal, but very real interior life. He was a man of faith, by virtue of his familial upbringing. Pierre was a sensitive person with his own personal touch. He often found himself concerned about his culture. This he shared with his good friend Gutleben.

His few idiosyncrasies, and raspy voice, permitted his students a few rare moments of diversion. A bit clumsy, he managed more easily using words than using his hands.

Pierre BEZES maintained a “secret garden” about which he spoke only rarely. It had to do with the days of his mobilization and his participation in the battle of Monte Casino.

In his retirement, he desired to live in Antony and in Alsace, far away from his original Province.