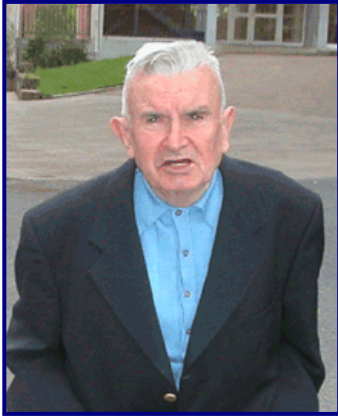


December 30, 2008

**Death Notice No. 35 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the France, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ANDRÉ RAOUL**, of the Les Cèdres Marianist Community (Sucy en Brie) who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 19, 2008 in Sucy en Brie, France, in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 59<sup>th</sup> year of his religious profession.

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Born September 9, 1929 at Morlaix in Brittany to a family on welfare, he made his novitiate from September 3, 1948 to October 2, 1949 at la Tour de Scay. His perpetual profession took place August 22, 1957 at Middel. At the end of his scholasticate he was assigned to Antony for one year before entering military service for 13 months in Lille, where he became a nurse. Beginning January 6, 1956, he exercised that profession for half a century at the agricultural school at Saint Maure, a beautiful example of perseverance and stability. How many files did he handle for the benefit of his students during that long period when pension funds were being organized?

What can we remember of this nursing Brother in the world of education?

The religious who lived with him emphasized the following traits:

- André was a religious very devoted to his community.
  - He was said to be plagued with sleepiness.
  - His talent as a handyman was valued both by the community and by the agricultural school.
  - A large part of his activity took place also in sacristies, at the service of the priests of the area.
  - Furthermore, from the age of 30, he undertook gardening and the upkeep of the environment.
- He was also in charge of the boilers.
- He performed many other services, such as distributor of mail.

His family rarely visited him. Proud of his birthplace, he loved to claim his identity as a *Brestoï*s. He never had the opportunity to learn the Breton language, because of the early death of both parents. On the other hand, he made his own the motto of the town of Morlaix: "if they bite you, bite them back."

His sensitivity and his emotions were put to a hard trial at the time that the church burned. The service of the church had been his place for creativity.

Many people knew him for his sense of humor – sometimes bittersweet.

His last assignment was to the Saint Joseph community in Sucy-en-Brie, which he lived out in silence and in waiting to return to his Master. We will remember him as a faithful religious whose smile, just a tad malicious, probably hid a great sensitivity.