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**Death Notice No. 31 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the France, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **HENRI VEYRET**, of the La Collégiale Marianist Community (Albi) who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 2, 2008 in Albi, France, in the 88<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his religious profession.

The Province of the Midi (Southern France) sent him to study at Art sur Meurthe, Saint Remy, Rodez. Having earned the Brevet Supérieur diploma, he was sent to the firing line. The Province of the Midi, through his uncle, Father AZAS, had him make the usual circuit that all members of the province normally followed, with the Loire River being the outer boundary.

IN 1942 he was drafted by the Germans into the S.T.O. (Service of Obligatory Work). He returned to France in 1945.

In turn a teacher, youth worker, director at Villefort, Réalmont, Abidjan (Ivory Coast), Cannes, and then Tunis (Tunisia), he moved into accounting and to school secretary to finally become business manager of the school in Cannes.

What can we remember from this Brother?

His war experience taught him to know the value of discretion and of silence, which he maintained all his life, sometimes even adopting an attitude of extreme closedness.

Henri VEYRET was an industrious person, concerned about detail and work well done. He was never afraid of taking on responsibility. Once, in Tunis, he found himself alone as the sole religious there for a period of 6 months, taking on simultaneously the tasks of Director and of Business Manager of the school. He was just the man for delicate situations, like the closing of schools, or the management of crises with personnel. His silence was disarming for an opponent.

In a discussion, he liked to press his point of view against those of others. He always respected students and the whole of Tunisian society.

On the spiritual plane, Henri bore the witness of a punctual, devoted religious of depth.

He had a fragile health: varicose veins and sores plagued his life for long periods. To care for them, he used soft leggings like the soldiers of the 1914 war.

His death came at the end of a long period of debilitating illness. According to his confreres, he died in serenity and peace, after having celebrated his Jubilee of 70 years in religious life 24 September 2008.

May Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary receive him into eternal happiness after a life well spent in service of the Mission!