

MAY 24

Br. Kamiel Teuns

He received life out of God's hand in Meerle on March 29, 1939 as the youngest son of Adriaan Frans Teuns and Wilhelmina Nuijten.

He joined the Flemish Capuchins on September 10, 1959 and on September 12, 1960, he committed vows to an evangelical Franciscan life . He was ordained a priest on July 9th, 1966. He was known as a soft spoken man with a big heart. No doubt, this was the reason he spent a good amount of his life working to provide assistance and care for the missions. As a member of the Capuchin International Mission Commission during the 1980's 1990's he helped formulate the policies and procedures for assisting our Capuchin brothers in the southern world. He was greatly involved with helping the Capuchin friars in the Congo, Pakistan and Canada. He had a great love for the friars of Central Canada and every time a friar visited Belgium, he became the maitre-d and brother chaperone in visiting the cities of Belgium. The friars of our province are greatly indebted to him for his untiring help in helping us to become the province of Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd in 1986. He was always poorly in health suffering from heart problems. He died in the WZC St. Camilius on May 24th 2020 after a long courageous illness strengthened by the sacrament of the sick. His obituary in Belgium concluded with the famous words of Hieronymus:

We don't want to grieve for losing him
but be thankful for having him,
yes, because we still own it,
for whoever returns to the Lord
remains in the community of the house mates of God
and is only traveling forward.

