

**July 08**

**Br. Marie-Louis Malenfant**

Arthur Malenfant was born on April 7, 1911 in St. Eloi Quebec son of Jean-Baptiste and Emma Lebel. He did his studies in the classics at the Seraphic College in Ottawa. He took on the Capuchin habit on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1930 at the novitiate of Limoilou, Quebec where he was given the religious name Marie-Louis . He made first profession on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1931 and solemn profession on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1934 in Montreal at the Chapel of La Réparation. He became ill at this time causing his ordination to the priesthood to be delayed by two years until June 16, 1940.

Fr. Marie-Louis was totally taken up with the Missions. In July 1941, as a young priest he taught Missiology to scholastic students at La Réparation . Then in June 1942, he was sent as the first resident pastor in the French mission of Brebœuf Manitoba, until May 1947.

On October 17, 1947 he left for India and was stationed in Azamgarh. He gave 35 years of his life in India stationed in Francispur, Birabanti and Mariabad from 1948 to 1958. Still at times quite sickly, he was still able for more than twenty years to devote himself in the spiritual, intellectual and apostolic formation of the Sisters Mary, Queen of Apostles. He died at Vanarasi on July 8, 1982 at the age of 71. He was buried in the shadow of the Cathedral, as he desired, near the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

