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Br. Maurus Hackman

Br. Maurus was born on August 16th 1902 at Enschede, Holland and given the name of Antonius son of Alphonsus and Maria Hackman. He entered the Capuchin Order on September 7th 1922 in Tilburg and on September 8th 1923 made first profession.. He was ordained a priest on March 15th at Den Bosch, Holland.

After his ordination he studied for one year in Rome and in 1932, he was appointed in Poland. There he was director of the Minor Seminary in Lubieszow and also for a while guardian. The financial situation was far from rosy and the Nationalist regime made life difficult. This was worrisome for him and he could not live in the border area of Lubieszow forcing him to move around and to experience the hospitality of different friaries. In this time, he went over to the Eastern rite and took the name Wladimir.

At the end of 1939, he returned to Holland and lived for a while at Velp as chaplain for the unemployed in the district of Oss. Later he was appointed as administrator in Uderhoot where he was guardian until 1945. He worked hard in providing the necessities for the friary and it was one of the few friaries that did not suffer from hunger.

It then appeared that going back to Poland for the time being was not possible. He left in 1949 for Canada where he became the director of St. Francis Minor Seminary in Blenheim, Ontario. However he did not feel at home and so returned to Holland in 1953 where in the same year he was appointed to Bebra Poland where he became chaplain and pastor. He worked tirelessly in building the church, a friary, a kindergarten school and a new parish at Lisenhausen a town in the area of Bebra. Many Sundays he would go to the big cities of Germany to preach and collect funds for his projects in the diaspora church.

On July 8th 1968, he passed away at Bebra as a result of heavy bleeding of the stomach. At his own request, he was buried on July 11, 1968 at Bebra. He was 66 years old.

