

**Br. Aldo (Ferruccio) Oresti**

Br. Aldo was born on July 16, 1939, at Vestenavecchia, borough of Vestenanova in the Province of Verona, to Gualtiero and Maria Zanderigho. They were a modest family rich in moral and religious values. He was baptised on the 23th of July 1939 and was given the baptismal name of Ferruccio.

On August 8, 1951, he entered the Seraphic Seminary in the city of Verona, and on the 12th of August 1956, after the investiture of the Capuchin habit, he began novitiate at Bassano del Grappa, under the direction of Fr. Lucchesio da San Martino di Lupari. At that moment he was given the name of Br. Aldo, the name he kept for the rest of his life. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, he made the profession of simple vows and on October 4, 1961, on the solemnity of St. Francis he professed solemn vows in the hands of the Provincial Fr. Clemente da Santa Maria in Punta. Having completed his theological studies in Venice at the Convent of Santissimo Redentore, he was ordained to the priesthood on March 13, 1965, at Vestenavecchia, at the parish of his birth, by Bishop Giuseppe Carraro.

Upon special request from the Capuchins of Central Canada, Fr. Aldo was sent, along with Br. Luciano Buson, to the parish of St. Philip Neri in Toronto to assist the numerous Italian immigrants. His stay in Canada lasted for two years, after which he returned to Italy and was appointed parish priest in Monghidoro for approximately one year.

In 1972, Br. Aldo was sent as a missionary to Gibuti where his pastoral work in favour of the Italians was not recognized or accepted because they were very few and almost all of them were in irregular family situations and the missionary was not one of their primary interests. In September 1974, Br. Aldo was sent to minister among the Italians in Holland and he stayed there until 1984. In 1985 he was sent to study in Rome at the Pontifical University of Lateran. He graduated in 1987 and the same year he was appointed to minister to Italian immigrants in Germany. Br. Aldo remained in Germany until 1994, when due to health reasons; he returned to Italy and resided in Castelmonte as a temporary residence. In the end, because of his availability, he was given the choice to go to Greece or Jerusalem.

He decided to go to Jerusalem where in a short time he became a competent tour guide for pilgrims. Br. Aldo was a tour guide in the Holy Land, never forgetting his role stemming from his priesthood.



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While visiting holy places he would not limit himself to the historical, artistic, cultural, aspects in order to arouse interest and admiration, but he involved them in a deep reflection, on the teachings that came out of those places made sacred by the presence of the Lord.

He died in Cyprus on November 8, 2002, his funeral was held on November 16th, in Vestenavecchia in the same Church where he was baptized.

