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Death Notice No. 16 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Region of Switzerland recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ROGER LOUIS MORANDI**, priest, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 4, 2009 in Versailles, France in the 95th year of his age and the 76th year of his religious profession.

Roger MORANDI was born August 24, 1915, at Corcelles-près-Payerne, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland, into a family originally from the Canton of Ticino. His father was Catholic, his mother Protestant. He himself was brought up in the Catholic religion. Profoundly impressed by the Eucharistic Crusade in which he participated at a very young age, he always recognized that that movement had been the propitious milieu for the blossoming of his religious and sacerdotal vocation.

His father and his uncle had inherited the family brickyard, so while still young Roger was foreseen to be the eventual successor of his father to take over the brickyard. But he followed a different road and knocked at the door of the Marianist religious. He committed himself to the Society of Mary by his religious profession on September 12, 1934, one year after the death of his father. On November 21, 1937, he made his covenant with Mary in his profession of perpetual vows. He completed his studies in theology in the Marianist Seminary at the Villa St-Jean in Fribourg and was ordained priest on April 6, 1946. Musically gifted, he also studied singing, music, and followed courses at the Conservatory. He was a talented organist.

He spent the greater part of his religious and priestly life in the spiritual, artistic formation of youth. After a period at the Collège Sainte-Marie in Martigny, Switzerland, he was appointed to the Collège Sainte-Marie Grand Lebrun in Caudéran near Bordeaux as teacher of singing, music, Latin, sports, etc. He organized a chorale there.

Because of his attachment to celebrating the old Tridentine Mass, Father Morandi left Bordeaux and went to Bourg-la-Reine where he again founded a chorale, the Chorale of Saint Charles, and a Scout troop in 1976. Closely linked to Archbishop Lefebvre, he followed the thinking of the retired prelate but remained attached to his Congregation by the vow of stability, always intending to remain a Marianist. In 2004 he joined the Chapel of Our Lady of Hope served by the Society of St. Pius X, where he celebrated the daily morning Mass. In March 2009 he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Surrounded by a priest and two Sisters, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, Father Morandi returned to the House of the Father.