



#### DATA FOR NECROLOGY

Father Robert Marz, born in King Williams Town, S. Africa; died in Cape Town at the age of 58; in the 31st of his Religious Profession and the 21st of his Priesthood.



### **FATHER ROBERT JOHN JOSEPH MARZ**

Robert John Joseph Marz was born in King Williams Town on 26 May 1908. He received his early education at the Dominican Convent School, Izeli. On 28 October 1931 he entered the Salesian Institute, Cape Town to begin his studies for the Sacred Priesthood.

He left Cape Town and went to the Salesian House in Oxford, England where on 21 November 1934 he was clothed as a Novice and on 7 September 1935 made his first religious Profession. Having completed a course of Philosophy in Cowley he was posted to Malta. There he received all his sacred orders and finally on 26 May 1945, he was raised to the Sacred Priesthood.

In June 1947 he returned to the Salesian School in Cape Town as Prefect, and the following year took up duties at Lansdowne until 1949, returning again to the Institute until 1953. He was then sent to help work at the new school in Daleside, where he remained until 1958, when he was recalled to the "Institute". There he spent the remainder of his life and he died in St. Joseph's Hospital Pinelands on 4 November 1966. In 1962 his life was despaired of but, contrary to the doctors expectations, he rallied and with indomitable courage he fought his disease and returned to the work he loved in the "Institute". It was during these years that the greatness of his religious spirit became apparent. He settled down to his books with his usual meticulous care and carried on with the work although at times in great pain. The doctors advised him to go into St. Joseph's hospital for treatment when it became apparent that his end was near. He received the last Sacraments with true priestly zeal and died peacefully on Nov. 4th 1966.

We recommend the soul of Fr. Marz to the charity of your prayers. We ask you to pray also for the success of the work he loved — the education of youth.