

BRO. FELIX RADULFINI. S. D. B.

Bro. Felix died at the Salesian House, Daleside on the 21st February 1986. He had been professed as a Salesian for 56 years.

Bro. Felix was born in Cape Town in 1909. Bro. Felix made his first contact with the Salesians through Bro. Paul. At the age of nineteen he sailed, in August 1928, from Cape Town to England in the Llandaff Castle, arriving at Tilbury three weeks later. After a brief stay at Battersea he went to the novitiate in Cowley, Oxford, where on September 14th 1929, he was professed as a Salesian Brother.

The missionary college at Shrigley had opened that very month (it was actually the year of Don Bosco's beatification), and Bro. Felix was posted there in October. He remained there for nine months and then returned to Battersea where he began a Tailor's Cutting course at the Borough Technical College and he later completed an Advanced Tailor's course at the Minister's Academy, receiving his diploma in 1932. He then returned to the Salesian Institute, Cape Town, in 1932 to be Assistant Tailor for almost ten years and Master Tailor for another ten. He was also the Bandmaster from 1936-46 and Cadet Master from 1947-51.

In July 1952 he went to Daleside as a teacher in the Primary School until 1962. From 1957-70 he was the school's sportsmaster. There followed a two year period back at the Institute, then to Daleside again. Having such a passion for sport, he kept up an active interest in it in addition to his main task of the care of text books, attending to stationary, teachers' notes, school tests and examination papers with meticulous exactness. In this he made an invaluable contribution to the school's efficiency. It was taken for granted that swimming galas and sports days would be capably organised by him.

To mark his Golden Jubilee as a Salesian. Bro. Felix was invited to go overseas to take part in the Salesian pilgrimage, led by the Rector Major to Our Lady's shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo, and to be at Shrigley for their Golden Jubilee celebrations. In the event, he had to spend most of his time in a Dublin hospital and only later managed to make a private visit to Knock before returning to Daleside in June. However, he did see the Rector Major, because Don Vigano paid him a special visit in the hospital and gave him the blessing of Mary, Help of Christians.

Back in Daleside, his Jubilee was celebrated in a grand manner, with all the sections of the school taking part in this great community occasion. As the boys filed out of the chapel at the conclusion of the Mass, they each greeted Bro. Felix who, in turn, presented each of them with a little souvenir of the occasion.

We ask the prayers of all for the happy repose of his soul.