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1st June 1974.

Dear Confreres,

On Tuesday, 14th May 1974, God called to himself, at the age of 73, after 47 years of profession and 38 years of priesthood,

FATHER CLEMENT RUSHTON S.D.B.

who had, for the past four years, been Chaplain to the Salesian Sisters at Holy Rosary Convent Colne. His dedicated service to them was not merely the last chapter of his earthly life, but was, too, the seal on the self-sacrificing vocation always spent by him in Christ for God.

He was already twenty-five years of age when he began his Salesian novitiate at Cowley in 1926. He came, therefore, as a mature individual who had already sampled something of the working life and problems of ordinary men. But he came especially as the son of a family strong in the sacred traditions of sound northern faith. The genuine spirit of true faith never deserted him but was a hall-mark of his whole life.

His Salesian career, stretched over a period of nearly fifty years, gave ample opportunity for the exercise of strong faith, allied to his gifts of craftsmanship and the many talents that were undoubtedly his. Those who knew him well, however, will attest that quiet, faithful service, without any display of superiority or self-satisfaction, was his daily life. It was an example to all.

He served at different periods, in our houses in England, Ireland and Malta. During his period of service in this latter spot, from 1937-49, he was, during the war years, an officiating chaplain to the Royal Air Force. There, as at different periods at Cowley, Shrigley and Ingersley, he was a very capable Bursar of the house. Limerick and Bolton are, too, places where his record of service and of Salesian and priestly fidelity are remembered with affectionate esteem.

A few dates will help to outline the principal stages of his career. He was born at Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire, on the 28th April 1901. His novitiate was made at Cowley from 1926-7. His first profession was made at Cowley on 10th October 1927, and his perpetual profession at the same place on the 10th September 1932. His priestly ordination took place at Shrigley on 21st June 1936.

We commend his good soul to the charity of your prayers.

Yours sincerely in Don Bosco,

Bernard Higgins, S.D.B. (Rector)

For the Necrology. Father Clement Rushton S.D.B., born Birkenhead, 28th April 1901, died at Colne, Lancs, 14th May 1974; in the 47th year of his religious profession and the 38th year of his priesthood. Aged 73 years.

