



**REV. ADAM A. SALUPPO, S.D.B.**



Born November 27, 1903



Professed September 1, 1932



Ordained July 4, 1937



Died July 5, 1974

Salesian Junior Seminary  
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Dear Confreres,

On July 5th, 1974, God called to eternal life his servant Rev. Adam A. Saluppo, SDB, at the age of 70. His death was sudden but very peaceful. After a happy anniversary celebration on July 4th, Father Adam retired to his room where, a few hours later, in the peacefulness of his sleep his soul met his Creator. He had been a Salesian for 42 years and a priest for 37. On July 4th the community of Goshen honored him on his 37th anniversary of priestly ordination with a special concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving followed by a family dinner during which Father Adam really enjoyed the friendship and Salesian spirit of our community and of those confreres who came for the occasion. That night his earthly priesthood became part of the eternal heavenly priesthood of Christ.

Father Adam was born in Campobasso (Italy) on November 27, 1903. Early in life his parents moved to Troy, N. Y. where he was raised in a good Christian family especially by the good example and dedication of his mother. After his elementary and high school studies Father Adam went to Manhattan College



from which he graduated in 1930. It was about that time that Father Adam received the call of the priestly vocation which he followed by entering St. Bernard Seminary of Rochester. It was there during his 2nd year of theology that he heard of the Salesians through Fr. Richard Pittini, then Provincial. Enthused with the spirit of Don Bosco he kept in frequent contact with the Salesians at St. John the Baptist Parish in Albany, N.Y.

From April to September of 1931 Father Adam made his aspirantate in Newton, N.J. entering the novitiate in September of the same year. Under the guidance of Fr. Joseph Costanzo he made his first profession on September 1, 1932 in the hands of Fr. Richard Pittini, later Archbishop of Santo Domingo. His years of practical training followed immediately: one year in Don Bosco Seminary in Newton, N.J. (1932-1933) and two more in Tampa, Florida (1933-1935). There he made his perpetual profession on September 10, 1935 in the hands of his director Fr. Louis Rinaldi. The Superiors then sent him to complete his theological studies at La Crocetta, Turin, where he was ordained on July 4th 1937 by Archbishop Felix Guerra, a Salesian bishop from Rome.

Father Adam served the Church and the Congregation in several posts of the province: first in Tampa, Florida, as prefect of studies (1937) and as catechist (1938). After that he was assigned to New Rochelle and Port Chester as assistant pastor (1939-1941). In 1941 Father Adam was sent to the Salesian elementary school of Goshen for one year as catechist, teacher and confessor. He also held this triple occupation for the next 11 years in Tampa, Florida (1942-1953). In 1953 he came North again, this time to Don Bosco High School in Ramsey, N.J. as catechist and teacher. In 1956 he received the assignment to come to Goshen where he lived the rest of his Salesian life. He occupied the position of catechist first, and when the school became a Junior Seminary in 1961, Father Adam remained as confessor and librarian.

Dependability was a characteristic of Father Adam's assignments. Generous and active as he was, he worked hard in whatever position obedience placed him. Even when his weak health forced him to withdraw from active teaching his concern

and involvement in the work of the community continued with the same zeal. He would always insist on being of service to all. During his last years when his condition worsened he was still able to carry on his work as librarian from his room and meticulously kept Fr. Director's accounts. He was also involved in other tasks, like being treasurer of the Provincial Catechetical Workshop. His religious articles shop also kept him busy constantly.

His dependability was matched by a happy and willing disposition in the exercise of his priesthood. Father Adam was always ready for priestly ministry, confessions, or just to do a simple favor to anyone. In a very humble, simple way his kindness reached out many people beyond his confreres. He was loved by so many friends, literally hundreds of them who kept frequently in touch with him. With these he would exercise a special apostolate with periodical mail contacts. To all who came in touch with him, Father Adam appeared as a joyful, humble Salesian priest. He was well liked in the parishes he served, well loved by the communities of sisters he ministered, and well accepted by all on account of his happy cheerful disposition.

His priestly zeal was always evident in his devout celebration of Mass, his encouraging words in the confessional, and his faithful recitation of the Divine Hours. He lived his priesthood to the last day.

The last day of his earthly priesthood was spent in preparing his Sunday homily, and in sharing with confreres and friends the joy of his anniversary. At the community dinner Father Adam, improvising the prayers, playfully called himself a "faithful servant". Indeed these words came true a few hours later...

The funeral took place on July 8, 1974 with a Solemn Mass presided by Fr. Salvatore Isgro, Provincial and concelebrated by 39 other priests, most of them Salesians. His mortal remains were taken the following day to St. Mary's cemetery in Troy, N.Y. accompanied by Fr. Director and two other confreres. There in the Infanto family plot they are now awaiting the final Resurrection.



Father Adam has left us many examples of priestly zeal, hard work, devotion to Mary, and his characteristic Salesian warmth and cheerfulness. Undoubtedly he helped many people draw closer to God, especially our young aspirants here in Goshen through the Sacrament of forgiveness. Please pray for his soul, for his family and especially for his dear mother who at present is 89 and has always been a great influence in Father Adam's life and to whom he was always very close.

Pray also for our house of Goshen and for these young aspirants so that many of them may follow one day in the footsteps of Father Adam in the Salesian life.

Sincerely yours in Don Bosco,

Rev. Emil S. Allué, SDB

Director