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## BRO. ANTHONY VIANELLO R.I.P.

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Brother Anthony Vianello died of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 55 on the afternoon of August 31st at the Salesian Institute, Cape Town. On the same day 37 years ago Brother Anthony offered himself in God's service when he made his Religious Vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco. Born in Lansdowne Cape in a Salesian Parish he made early contact with the Salesians there when he entered the School in 1934 as a boy. This was the beginning of an association which was to remain unbroken throughout his life.

Anthony showed promise of a Religious Vocation early in life and as there was no facility here at the time for training, his good parents overjoyed with the possibility of God offering their son a vocation, happily consented to his sailing for England in January, 1938, under the care of Father Bleach. There he entered the Juniorate at the Missionary College in Shrigley Park where he passed two years completing his studies and equipping himself well for his future work.

He studied music during those years, played in the college band, sang in the choir, and discovered a wonderful God-given talent which he was to use for so many years in teaching boys. He took the next step forward in carrying out his Vocation when he entered the Salesian Novitiate in Beckford, England in 1940. His first Profession was made on 31st August 1941, and was it just a coincidence that God called him to himself on that same day 37 years later?

After two more years in Beckford completing his Religious formation and "odd jobbing" as everybody did in the "Good Old Days" - it was known as the "practical training period" when you learnt how to fend for yourself in life - Brother Anthony then arrived at the Salesian College, Battersea, London where he studied the trade of Printing which was to be his main contribution to the Salesian educational work.

He joined the Staff of the Salesian Press, Battersea under the Management of Father Ainsworth and from there attended the London School of Printing for three years where he attained the qualification of Master Printer in Letterpress Machine Minding. These were happy days for him as he often reminisced over the war-time days - taking his turn as Air-Raid Warden, dodging the 'doodle-bugs', building sand-bag defences, and finally, the glory of staying up all night to book a good place to witness the Victory Parade along the Mall in 1945 and see his own South African Troops proudly marching through the Capitol with all the other 'free' countries of the West.

With not a little sadness Anthony used to recall that event especially as he saw his beloved country isolating itself and being ostracized by those same countries it fought side-by-side with for so many years. He loved his country but that did not blind him to its faults and he prayed often for it and by witness of his life showed he was all things to all men irrespective of their race, creed or colour.



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After the war he was able to return by sea with Fr. Jimmy Doyle to his beautiful Cape Town and became one of a large Community at the Salesian Institute where he remained for 31 years except for a stay of six months in the Belgian Congo in 1955 and a year in Ireland in 1956. He visited both these places to refresh and update himself on modern printing methods in our own Salesian Presses.

Countless numbers of boys received their early printing training from Brother Anthony but many others were beneficiaries through his music teaching in the Military and Bugle Bands and the choir. While he was involved in the Cadets as Captain A. Vianello he led the boys to many honours in the Western Cape

Competitions and his musicians captured many Eisteddfod prizes. Like every other Salesian of those days he was always with the boys helping the team of Salesians to supervise and help the boys throughout their training. The closing of the Technical School and later the High School were big blows to Anthony and he felt greatly the loss of contact with the boys.

The Past Pupils will remember him for his lively interest and friendship and for 10 years he managed the Salesian Senior Football Club, re-introducing them into the Senior Leagues and seeing them finally win their way through three League Championships into the 1st Division Professional ranks to say nothing of their Cup Triumphs.

In latter years he gave himself to teaching catechetics: attending all the courses to equip himself well and finally receiving a qualification in this field. He was a member of the Executive for Diocesan Catechetics and regularly lectured trainee adult catechists. He found this a most rewarding apostolate and looked upon it as something he would be able to offer in service when his more active days were over. He instructed the boys in the Hostel in catechism and went out weekly to other Parishes to share his knowledge of God with others and this always after a day's work already completed in the Press.

During all his years at the Institute he was the organist giving praise to God and during the past year he accepted the post of looking after the Church and the Services and what a wonderful task he did bringing a freshness and renewal to the House of God. Brother Anthony accomplished much during his comparatively short life and we shall most certainly miss him as will all those people who found in him a real friend.

We leave him now to the Master he served so faithfully and pray for his eternal repose. May Don Bosco and Our Lady Help of Christians assist him now and may God give comfort to his sister and brother and their families to whom we offer our deepest sympathy but the consolation of our prayers. May we all be united in the great Salesian Family.

Fr. Canice Dooley, SDB.