



FR. MAURILIO CANDUSSO

b. Juris di Ragogna (Italy) 27.8.1909
p. Hong Kong 11.1.1935
o. Shanghai 29.1.1943
d. Udine (Italy) 12.5.1972

Fr. Candusso was born in 1909 at Juris di Ragogna (Italy). He joined our society as a late vocation and professed on January 11th 1935 at the house of formation in Shaukiwan (Hong Kong). After receiving holy priesthood at Shanghai in 1943, he showed great zeal in doing good to souls through teaching catechism, the care of catechumens and the ministry of reconciliation; he was indeed a prudent, serene and understanding spiritual director.

At Shanghai he served as prefect of studies, prefect of religious education, parish priest and rector. Following the change of regime in China, Father left Shanghai for Hong Kong and in 1952 was eventually sent to the Philippines, where the Salesians had just started their work.

At our school in Mandaluyong Father spent the last 15 years of his zealous life in charge of the boy's club, as spiritual director of the community as well as workshop instructor in the mechanical engineering department. In spite of his limited command of the language, Father made himself all to all as an ardent apostle. In December 1970 it was found that his lack of strength and stomach pains were due to a tumour. He was operated on but to no avail. His superiors talked him into repatriating to see whether he would be able to recover completely. Back in Italy he kept dreaming of going back to his apostolate in the Philippines until he had to be told that there was no more hope for him. Yet he did not lose heart but kept his serene and cheerful mood. He used to say that he would pass away on a Friday because on a Friday he had made his profession and on a Friday he had received holy priesthood. Actually Friday May 12th 1972 was the day the Good Lord came to call him. After receiving the last sacraments and devoutly following the prayers for the dying, Fr. Candusso peacefully passed away at 3 p.m.

The confreres who assisted him thought that the Good Lord had come to accompany him to heaven at the very hour He himself had breathed his last on Calvary. Fr. Maurilio was 63 years of age.

