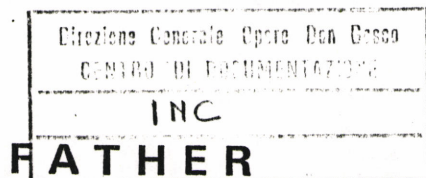


# SALESIAN **CALCUTTA** NEWS

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**ANTHONY  
DORO**

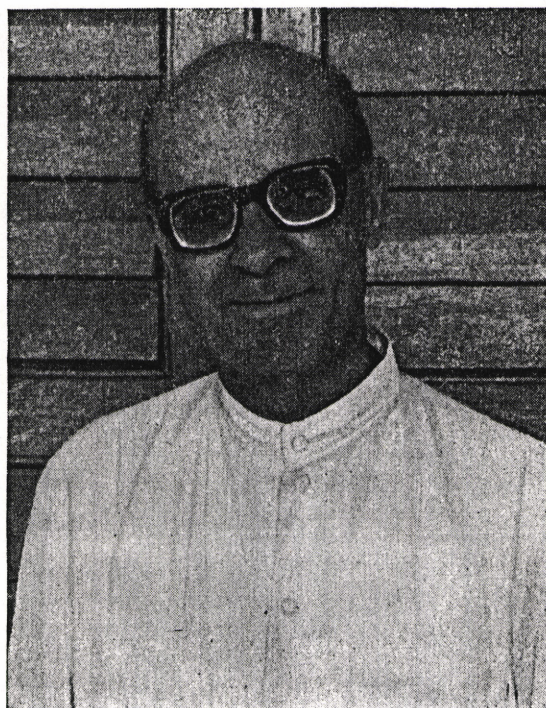
**Born : 27. 11. 1916**

**Baptized : 8. 12. 1916**

**Salesian : 8. 12. 1934**

**Priest : 8. 12. 1944**

**Died : 2. 4. 1984**



**51 years in India  
45 years in Bengal**

**"Let everything  
be a help  
to reach Him"**

**(motto of sacerdotal**

**silver jubilee)**

1933-35 : Shillong ( Student )  
1936-39 : Krishnagar ( Don Bosco )  
1939-44 : Shillong & Dehra Dun  
1945-60 : Krishnagar ( Headmaster )  
1960-63 : Calcutta ( Rector & Principal )  
1964-76 : Bandel ( Headmaster )  
1976-84 : Krishnagar ( Cathedral )



Death struck unexpectedly at the Cathedral Rectory, Krishnagar on 2nd April 1984. Rev. Fr. Anthony Doro expired at 10.15 a.m. of a massive heart-attack. He was 68 years old, 50 years in the Salesian congregation, of which 40 years as a Priest.

#### THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ON EARTH

1st April, the Golden Jubilee of Don Bosco's canonization, was the day set aside for the blessing of the new church at Darafnagar (Berhampore). Fr. Doro had a special love for Berhampore and he was there along with Rev. Fr. Varkey, Rev. Fr. Aldo and others from Krishnagar. He had an enjoyable day at Berhampore, and when all the priests were concelebrating in the new church, Fr. Doro was at the back, available for confessions. It was an enjoyable but a tiring day. The Bishop's House jeep brought Fr. Doro to the Cathedral rectory around 10.30 p.m. But father wanted to go to Bishop's House to bring his cycle which he had left there in the morning, reminding himself that he had to be at Don Bosco's the next morning for the confessions of the boys.

On Monday, 2nd April, early in the morning Fr. Doro cycled to Don Bosco's to hear confessions. He returned to the Cathedral Rectory and had breakfast as usual. When still in the Refectory Fr. Doro complained of stomach pain. The confreres advised him to go straight to bed and rest, which he did. As the other confreres were about to get up from breakfast, Fr. Austin from Bishop's House came in, wanting to meet Fr. Doro...he went up to Fr. Doro's room only to find him rolling in bed with pain. He passed on the word to the other confreres. Fr. N.T. Thomas rushed to the clinic with the jeep to get the Sister Doctor. Sr. Merline and Sr. Daisy were at Father's bedside in minutes with injections and medicines. After few minutes, Father seemed to feel better and he thanked the Sisters profusely and apologised for the trouble he was causing them. He asked them to leave since he was feeling better saying that he would have a good rest.

Around 10.00 a.m. Fr. Thomas was about to go out. Though he knew that Fr. Doro was resting, he thought of having a look before going out. Finding him motionless and not breathing, he called Fr. Aldo who was nearby and rushed again for the doctor. Fr. Aldo felt his pulse and he knew that Fr. Doro was no more. He gave him the final blessing, rushed to Fr. Santosh for Holy Oils and anointed his body which was still warm. The Sister Doctor arrived within minutes but it was too late to do anything since Fr. Doro had said goodbye to this world, in such a peaceful and quiet manner.

#### People's homage to Fr. Doro

Soon news was passed around and confreres, sisters and friends flocked to the Cathedral to pay their last respects to Fr. Doro. The Calcutta dailies - the Statesman and the Telegraph carried the news coverage of his death. His numerous past pupils, teachers who had been with him, numerous other friends and well-wishers came in a stream, which never seemed to end. Many wanted him buried in Krishnagar, in their midst, but the confreres wanted him buried at the Salesian cemetery at Bandel.

Early morning on Tuesday, 3rd April, Fr. Doro's body left Krishnagar for Bandel in an ambulance. His body was laid out in the Shrine of Our Lady around 8.00 a.m. At 9.00 a.m. the concelebrated Holy Mass started, presided over by Rev. Fr. Varkey, Vicar Capitular of Krishnagar. 45 priests concelebrated. In his homily, Fr. Varkey highlighted a number of Salesian traits



All those who have come in contact with Fr. Doro will remember him for his joy and cheerfulness, a great Salesian character-istic! May be we could sum up his life in the words of an anonymous poet:

Learn to Laugh

God grant that I may see the joke of things  
The little things that bother now and then  
God grant my sense of humor may be strong  
To weep a bit - and yet, to smile again.

God grant there be a chuckle in each tear  
To every trial, God grant a funny half  
And when I'm to be judged, perhaps He'll say  
"Are you the soul who always tried to laugh?"

And when I nod and answer, "Yes I am,  
I tried to kill my troubles with a grin",  
Perhaps He'll smile and say, "That was a task,  
But here's the Gate of Heaven, Enter in!"



BIO-DATA OF REV. FR. ANTHONY DORO S.D.B.

27.11.1916	-	Birth
8.12.1916	-	Baptism
21. 7.1924	-	Confirmation
1. 9.1933	-	Admitted to Novitiate by Rev. Fr. Renato Ziggiotti
7.12.1933	-	Started Novitiate at Shillong
8.12.1934	-	First Profession
8.12.1940	-	Perpetual Profession
8.12.1944	-	Priestly Ordination
2. 4.1984	-	Death.

Years and places of Active Apostolate

1936-1939	-	Assistant and Teacher at Don Bosco Krishnagar.
1945-1960	-	Headmaster at Don Bosco Krishnagar
1960-1963	-	Rector and Principal at Don Bosco Park Circus
1964	-	Assistant Parish Priest at Turin (MHC Basilica)
1965-1976	-	Headmaster at St. John's School, Bandel-Hooghly.
1976-1984	-	Assistant Parish Priest at Krishnagar Cathedral

