

FATHER ANTÔNIO GERALDO BASSI, CSS



Photo taken on Nov. 8th, 2005

BORN:

Casa Branca, SP, Brazil – Nov. 8, 1931

PERPETUAL VOWS:

Dec. 9, 1957

ORDINATION:

Casa Branca – December 8, 1960

DIED:

Campinas, SP, Brazil – 7.09.2008

AGE:

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PROVINCE:

Holy Cross, Brazil

Fr. Antônio Geraldo Bassi, priest of the Province of the Holy Cross, died in the morning of July 9th, 2008, at the Santa Edwiges Hospital in Campinas, SP.

He was born in Casa Branca, SP, on November 8th, 1931. He entered in the Stigmatine Seminary in Rio Claro, SP, as candidate to the priestly and religious life, in 1945. He professed his perpetual vows on December 9th, 1957, and was ordained a Stigmatine Priest in Casa Branca, on December 8th, 1960.

During the six first years he served as Formator in Ituiutaba, MG and Ribeirão Preto, SP. He was Parish Vicar in Ituverava on 1966-1970. After that he served always as Pastor: in Barretos, SP (1971-1979), at the Holy Cross Parish in Rio de Janeiro, RJ (1980-1981), in Marília, SP (1982 and 1986-1990), at the Our Lady of the Consolation Parish in Campinas (1983-1985), in Rio Claro (1991-1994) and at the St. Benedict Parish in Campinas (1998-2007), where he had been also Parish Vicar on 1994-1997.

This year of 2008 he was transferred to the city of Barretos but his health condition was already delicate. Several times he was taken to the local hospital, and one week before of his death he was moved to the Santa Edwiges Hospital in Campinas, where he stayed in the ICU.

Fr. Geraldo, as he was called by most of his parishioners, was outstanding for the care to his confreres and laity, because of the welcome and hospitality as well as

for the loving way he used to talk with all, and also for his dedication to the pastoral service as well.

His body was waked at the same day (July 9th, 2008) at the São Benedict Parish in Campinas, followed by the Funeral Mass. He was buried at the Cemetery of the *Saudade* ('Greatly Missed'), in the same city.

May God welcome him in His mercy and love.