

NECROLOGY:

## FATHER ANTÔNIO PEDRO NETO, CSS



**BORN:**  
Itamogi, MG, Brazil – August 18, 1930

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**  
February 16, 1955

**ORDINATION:**  
Verona, Italy – June 29, 1957

**DIED:**  
Goiânia, GO, Brazil – Nov. 2, 2008

**AGE:**  
78

**PROVINCE:**  
St. Joseph, Brazil

At 8:45 p.m. of November 2, 2008, our 78 year-old confrere Fr. Antônio Pedro Neto passed away in the Lúcio Rabelo Hospital, in Goiânia, GO, Brazil.

A few days before, on October 29, 2008, before being taken to the hospital he received the anointing for the sick, and on the next day he underwent a bypass heart surgery. The surgery went well and he was recovering well too, but on November 2nd he faced some cardiac arrests that led him to death.

Fr. Antônio Pedro Neto was born in Itamogi, state of Minas Gerais, on August 18, 1930, from José Pedro da Silva and Maria Rita da Silva.

On February, 1944 he entered the Holy Cross Apostolic School, in Rio Claro, state of São Paulo. In 1951 he attended the Novitiate in Ribeirão Preto, and made his perpetual vows on February 16, 1952. He attended the college of Philosophy in Ribeirão Preto and of Theology in Verona, Italy. He was ordained a priest in the Cathedral of Verona on June 29, 1957.

He served in several communities of the Province of the Holy Cross and in 1985 came to the Province of St. Joseph, where he served in Ituiutaba-MG, Uberaba-MG and Morrinhos-GO. From late 1988 until 2007 he was pastor at the Divine Eternal Father Parish in Água Limpa-GO, in a special assignment.

On April 2007 he faced a brain aneurysm, made the due treatment and this late October (2008) he moved to the Provincial House in Goiânia-GO, under nurse care.

In the last period of his life he faced the beginning of Alzheimer illness, and from this middle October (2008) he presented severe heart problems, that lead the doctors to decide for the surgery.

His body was moved to Morrinhos-GO, where there was celebrated the Funeral Mass at St. Sebastian Church. The Mass was presided by Most Rev. Antônio Lino da Silva Dinis, Bishop of Itumbiara-GO, and concelebrated by the Superior Provincial, Fr. Rubens Sodré Miranda and several other priests. The ceremony was attended by his sister, Ms. Teresinha da Silva, Ms. Hélia and a crowd of faithful.

Let us lift up to God our prayers for Fr. Antônio's eternal rest in the Father's house.

Fr. Vergílio Zoppi, CSS  
Provincial Secretary

†††††