



Obituary of **Fr. Hubert Jean Emile Lepargneur**

Hubert Jean Emile Lepargneur was born in Paris, France, on 12 May 1925. He was the son of Jean Marie Joseph Lepargneur and Genevieve Felicie Philippe.

He first entered the Order of Preachers (*Dominicans*) and made his first religious profession on 23 September 1950 and his perpetual profession on 23 September 1951. On 3 July 1955 he was ordained a priest. In 1958 he moved to the city of San Paolo in Brazil to work as a teacher.

On 4 April 1976 he asked to join the Order of the Ministers of the Sick and he began his novitiate on 5 May 1976. He was admitted to the Camillians on 2 May 1977 and took his perpetual vows on 5 August of the same year. On 1 August 2007 he asked to be transferred to the Camillian Province of France and on 1 June 2008 he asked to return to Brazil. In 2012 he went to the '*Recanto São Camilo*' in Granja Viana because of health problems and stayed there until 7 January 2020, the day of his death.

Fr. Hubert was awarded a doctorate in law in Paris and attended courses of philosophy and of theology. As a Dominican religious, he worked as a lecturer in theology at the Dominican Theological Centre and was director of the CRB Institute for Religious Sciences. He was also director of the Pastoral Institute for Religious and a lecturer at the *Sedes Sapientiae* and *São Bento* Faculties, at the Federal University of Minas Gerais and at the Pius XI Institute of Theology and the ITESP.

As a Camillian religious, Fr. Lepargneur was a teacher, a chaplain at the *Hospital do Servidor Público*, a tutor of studies at the 'St. Camillus' Major Seminary of Ipiranga, and also accompanied some aspects of the formation of Camillian novices.

He was a great philosopher, very much involved in research, in reading, and in the writing of books and articles in the field of ethics, politics, philosophy, theology and bioethics.

The coffin of Fr. Hubert will be placed in the chapel of the 'St. Camillus' Hospital of Granja Viana on 8 January 2020 and he will be buried on the same day in the tomb of the Camillian religious in the Cemetery of the Most Holy Sacrament in San Paolo, SP.