



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 our confrere **Pater Professor em. Dr. Hans Kramer**, died after a time of serious sickness in a hospital of Bochum (Germany).

Born on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1936 in Essen-Heidhausen near the Camillian community he entered the order of St. Camillus after finishing his basic schooling in Essen-Werden 1956 and started his novitiate in Sudmühle b. Münster /Westf. On April 24. 1957 was his temporary and on September 29. 1960 his solemn profession. The following studies of philosophy and theology he did in Austria und Münster (Germany). His priestly ordination was on July 26.1962 in Essen.

Father Kramer continued his theological studies at the University of Freiburg and finished it with the doctorate in ethics. At the same time was involved to care for a little group of applicants living in the Freiburg community. 1970 he was assigned as novice master for four novices in the formation house of the Province in Sudmühle. At the same time Fr. Kramer became assistant of the ethics teacher of the University in Münster /Westf., Professor Dr. Wilhelm Heinen. Using his free time he started to write the thesis for the certificate of habilitation at the University of Würzburg (Germany).

On 1975 Father Kramer was called to be the professor in ordinary for ethics of the Ruhr-University of Bochum (Germany). This duty he did up to his retire 2002. Forced by practical reasons he transferred to Bochum. As far as possible he participated the meetings of the community and the Province. He gave conferences regarding his specific topics of ethics. Through all the years he cooperated in the nearby parishes of the diocese and published several publications with great success. For a time he also was the dean of the ethics faculty of the University.

From time to time Father Kramer came to his birth-place because his mother was living here, in her later years in a nearby home for old aged people where one of our fathers (mostly Father Tamayo) frequently is celebrating the Holy Mass

The Camillians are thankful for Father Kramer's priestly service and his contribution for the formation of the students of the diocese of Essen. All this he did moved by the spirit of St. Camillus.

On May 12. 2021, after the Holy Liturgy in St. Peter and Paul (Bochum) Father Kramer was buried on the fields for departed priests on the main cemetery of Bochum. According to the wish of the departed confrere and because of Corona only the confreres of the Essen community and some friends were able to participate the funeral ceremony.

We pray that the Lord might reward him his priestly life and grant him eternal rest.