

## **Obituary for Brother Terry Moore OFM Cap**

Born 30<sup>th</sup> May 1921

Professed 8<sup>th</sup> September 1940

Ordained 15<sup>th</sup> May 1947

Died 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Terence Frederick Moore was born in Shoeburyness, Essex, in the Diocese of Brentwood, to Frederick Charles and Hannah (White) Moore on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1921. He was baptized by Canon Cameron in St George's Church in Shoeburyness on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1921. He went to school in Leyton at St Joseph's, Vicarage Road and later at St Ignatius College, Stamford Hill, which was directed by the Jesuits.

He applied to join the Order on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1939 and was received at Pantasaph on 16<sup>th</sup> August of that year.. He was clothed in the habit of the Order on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1939 at Pantasaph. After his Novitiate he was professed on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1940. He then went to Olton to study Philosophy and Church History and was solemnly professed on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1943. He studied Theology in Crawley and made his way through Tonsure, Minor Orders and the Sub-Diaconate and Diaconate during the next four years before being ordained by Archbishop Amigo at Mark Cross, the Junior Seminary for the Southwark Diocese, on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1947.

He received his obedience to go to India on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1947 and left for Delhi in September. He spent his first months in India from October to January 1948 working at the Cathedral of the Archdiocese in New Delhi. It was the beginning of over thirty years as a missionary. His first major posting was to Sirsa, where he served the people there until March 1951. He went to Hargeisa in North West Somalia in April 1953 and stayed there until 1970. Because of the political events in Somalia he had to leave and went to Djibouti, at the south end of the Red Sea. By the good offices of Brother Aloysius Ward, a General Definitor at that time, it was arranged that he should go to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. He spent the last days of his missionary life there.

He returned to England in the summer of 1977 and was posted for a short while to Childer Thornton and then to Penmaenmawr. After the Provincial Chapter in 1978 he went to Chester, where he remained for the next ten years working mainly as a hospital chaplain. It was at this time that he

decided to revert to the abbreviation of his baptismal name. In May 1988 he was posted to Pantasaph as parish priest. He was very interested in the local church and especially in the ecumenical scene.

In the reshuffle of the Province in 1994, he was posted to Erith as Secretary to the Provincial and responsible for St Anthony's Guild, the Capuchin Missionary Association and for drawing up the Provincial Liturgical Calendar. In 1996, after the Provincial Chapter he retained his responsibilities for the St Anthony's Guild and for the Capuchin Missionary Association but handed over the role as Provincial Secretary and Calendarist. By this time Terry had become increasingly deaf and in 2004 was diagnosed as having skin cancer. In 2005 he relinquished his responsibility for the St Anthony's Guild and the CMA.

Terry was a lover of detail and he was very critical of those who deviated from the pattern, in fact he was given the name of Footnote Felix by his fellow students in the 1940's. He was also a man who wanted to know how things worked and would not use a computer because he could not take it to pieces and put it together again. On his return from the Missions he would be seen racing round the countryside on the largest motorcycle available in full cycling leathers. He was a big man with big ideas, but he also cared for the people to whom he ministered as the nurses and patients of the hospital in Chester, the parishioners of Pantasaph and the members of the St Anthony's Guild can verify.

He died on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and was buried on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Erith after a funeral attended by many of the friars. May he rest in peace.