

Appointment of a Regional Superior for the American Region.



During the general Council Meeting held in Melle on December 18th 2009, the Superior General with the consent of his council appointed Fr. Ludo De Clippel Regional Superior of the American Region.

Fr. Ludo was born in Aalst (Flanders) on the 2nd of August 1941.

He started school with the Jesuits in Aalst before going on to the Josephite College Melle where he completed his primary and secondary schooling.

At College Melle, Ludo was an outstanding pupil.

Ludo entered the Josephite novitiate in Gerardsbergen in August 1959 and was professed on the 17th of September 1960.

After his novitiate Ludo went to Leuven where from 1961 to 1971 he studies Classics and Theology.

He made his final vows on November 1st 1965 and was ordained priest on 18th of February 1968 in the chapel of the College of the Holy Trinity by Msgr Van Waeyenbergh.

Ludo attended the Renewal Chapter of 1968-69 and worked with Fr. Jacques on the text of the new Constitutions.

After finishing his studies he went to Melle where he remained from 1971 to 1981. There he taught Religion, Latin and Greek. It was during this time that Ludo was able to make two six week visits to the Kasai in the D.R. Congo.

In 1981 Ludo was appointed to Leuven where he taught Latin and Greek and was also Master of Novices.

In 1986 Ludo was on the move again. This time to the U.S.A, to California, in order to join the American Region. Once again he was appointed Novice Master (September 1986 to April 1989). He was an Assistant priest in the parish of St Louis de Montfort. In July 1996 he was appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Santa Barbara.

Fr. Ludo speaks four languages fluently: Dutch, French, English and Spanish.