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***A Memorial Service for Hungarian SVDs  
in the Philippines***

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**A Tribute from  
The Embassy of Hungary in Manila  
and  
The Society of the Divine Word (SVD)**

June 26, 2020

4:00 PM

SVD Cemetery

Christ the King Mission Seminary

Quezon City



## ***Program***

4:00 PM – Holy Eucharist (Main celebrant – Fr. Jerome Marquez SVD, Provincial Superior, SVD Philippines Central Province)

- Unveiling of the Marker
- Message: Dr. Jozsef Bencze, Ambassador of Hungary to the Philippines
- Messages
- Word of Thanks

*Reception follows at the Janssen Hall.*



**Message from Provincial Superior of PHC,**

## **Fr. Jerome Marquez SVD**

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In the name of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), and on behalf of the SVD Philippine Central Province, I am deeply grateful to the Hungarian Embassy for organizing a memorial service in honor of our five Hungarian SVD confreres, who have spent long years of dedicated priestly and religious-missionary life and service in the Philippines.

Fr. Johannes (John) Racz SVD was a religious-missionary in the Philippines for 29 years. He was the first SVD Hungarian to arrive in the



Philippines in 1948, and was assigned as school chaplain and director, hospital chaplain, parish priest, and seminary rector.

Fr. Victor Tunkel SVD was a religious-missionary in the Philippines for 52 years. He arrived in the Philippines in 1949 and was a missionary assigned in formation houses, parishes, and other areas of apostolate. In 1956, he was assigned as the Parish Priest of Baco, Oriental Mindoro, where he resided for 27 years.

Fr. Ludwig (Lajos/Luis) Halasz SVD was a religious missionary in the Philippines for 40 years. He arrived in the Philippines in 1954 and was missioned mainly in Mindoro. Known as “the father of Sablayan”, he was a missionary in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro as its parish priest for more than 30 years. He also helped the town develop by providing the necessary financial assistance for the improvement and maintenance of the school and hospital services, among others.

Fr. Jozsef Werner SVD was a religious-missionary in the Philippines for 23 years. He arrived in the Philippines in 1954, and was assigned notably in Mindoro, particularly in Naujan, Mamburao, and San Jose. He also served as Regional Superior of Mindoro.

Fr. Lajos (Luis) Beller was a religious missionary in the Philippines for 33 years. He arrived in the Philippines in 1956 and served in the parish of Binmaley, Pangasinan until he moved back to Hungary in 1989. He learned diligently one of the most, if not the most difficult local language in the Philippines. He helped translate the liturgical and devotional prayer texts in the local language for use by the Pangasinense speaking people of the Province.

May the Holy Triune God live in our hearts and in the hearts of all! And may the souls of our dearly departed SVD confreres from Hungary through the mercy of God rest in peace!

*Rev. Fr. Jerome Marquez, SVD*  
Provincial Superior –SVD Philippine Central Province

**Message from Provincial (SVD Provincialate Hungary),**  
**Fr. Tete Remis SVD**

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***How beautiful on the mountains are the feet  
of those who bring good news. Is 52:7.***

One of the ways to feel very strongly even in today's modern world, the existence of God and working of God's Spirit is that, He continues to call many to the priestly and religious life. Those who hear the voice of God deep down in their hearts, keep responding to His calling. God in His mysterious ways call men and women who could follow Him closely. From now, many decades ago, Hungarian SVDs (Society of the Divine Word) heard the call of God to be missionaries to bring the good news to the people of the Philippines.



In response to God's call, Hungarian SVDs had to travel hundreds of miles to a faraway Asian county leaving behind their native place, loved ones, friends and relatives. This could happen, only for the sake of Christ, to be the bearer of God's love, and to be the messenger of God who bring good news of salvation to people of this country.

On this such occasion, when we honor these Hungarian SVD Missionaries, we thank God for their selfless service that they have rendered. We appreciate their unconditional love for people, and we take firm inspirations from their dedicated and committed life in the work of God.

According to the signs of the times Hungarian SVDs have responded to missionary call in the country of the Philippines. But what was common in them was to accomplish the mission with which they were entrusted. Today, the seas and islands, the rivers and lakes, the trees and creepers, the soils and sands, the hills and valleys of the Philippines, witness the sweet foot prints, and sweet voices of such great missionaries.

On behalf of the Hungarian SVD Province, I take this ample opportunity to express my heart felt gratitude towards the Hungarian ambassador to the Philippines, Manila, the honorable Dr. Bencze József. Because of his keen interest and initiative, our confreres are honoured on this occasion of Hungarian SVD missionaries memorial day, for their service and mission, which they rendered for the Church of the Philippines in different Provinces.

I express my sincere gratefulness to Philippines Central Province, (PHC) especially to the Provincial Superior Fr. Jerome Marquez SVD, who willingly collaborated and consented to make this occasion happen in reality.

Let these great missionaries, in honor of whom we commemorate this day be examples for us, to be dedicated and committed missionaries, and to be the bearers of good news of salvation to those who still wait for our missionary service.

*Fr. Tete Remis SVD*  
Provincial Superior HUN

**Message from the Ambassador of Hungary to the  
Philippines,**

# **His Excellency Dr. József Bencze**

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**In the footsteps of the legacy of Hungarian Society of Divine Word  
(SVD) priests in the Philippines**



The Society of the Divine Word priests celebrate their 145th anniversary of their founding in this year. The Hungarian SVD order was founded exactly 104 years ago.

As one of the world's largest missionary orders, the Society of the Divine Word is present in five parts of the world and in 81 countries, including the Philippines and Hungary as well. As Ambassador of Hungary, I consider it one of my important mission tasks to work with my colleagues in the Philippines to find the footprints and legacies of the Hungarian predecessors who helped to improve the spiritual, health, educational and social situation of the inhabitants of the island.

They taught, built schools, hospitals, temples, preached the Word of God where it was most needed.

Such were the SVD fathers in the Philippines, Fr. Johannes Rácz, Fr. Victor Tunkel, Fr. Lajos Bellér, Fr. Ludwig Halász, and Fr. Joseph Werner, who were in the service of God for the rest of their lives and served a very active, successful part of their mission in the Philippines. Two of them are buried in the SVD cemetery in Quezon City. To commemorate all of them, in the year 2020, we will organize a commemoration with Holy Mass in a joint arrangement with the SVD Provinces of the Philippines and Hungary.

The plaque to be placed in the cemetery should also proclaim the indispensable service of the Hungarian Fathers and preserve their memory for the next generation.

It is a pleasure to know that to this day, many remember the service of one-time Hungarian priests in the Philippines.

I rest assured by the fact that there are still SVD missionaries who connect the two countries such as Brother Béla Lányi in Cebu City and Father Elmer Hernandez in Hungary.

We shall always remember them.

*Dr. József Bencze*  
Ambassador of Hungary to the Philippines

**Message from the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives of the Philippines,**

# **The Honorable Alan Peter Cayetano**

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**"For many are called, but few are chosen." – Matthew 22:14**

On behalf of the House of Representatives, I join the Embassy of Hungary in honouring Fr. Johannes Rácz, Fr. Victor Tunkel, Fr. Lajos Bellér, Fr. Ludwig Halász, and Fr. Joseph Werner — five Hungarian



Society of Divine Word (SVD) priests, who served our fellow Filipinos with utmost dedication and commitment for several years.

We will continue to draw inspiration from their altruistic acts and service as we pursue a Reform Agenda anchored on our President's vision to provide a safe and comfortable life for Filipinos.

As the country strives to overcome the challenges brought about by disasters and disease outbreak, we strengthen our faith on our Almighty God and trust on the power of unity as a nation.

During uncertain times, we seek for hope, enlightenment and guidance of the Church and teachings of our beloved Hungarian priests.

We thank our Hungarian Ambassador Jozsef Bencze for organizing a memorial service to honor the heroism and selfless service of the SVD priests who had made a difference in the lives of many Filipinos. We hope that our countries will continue to strengthen our bilateral relations and economic cooperation in the coming years.

As we commemorate the life and service of our beloved Hungarian priests, we are optimistic that their vocation and passion to help the Filipino communities will not be forgotten. Instead it should open more avenues of collaboration and fellowship beyond the field of community development and spiritual growth.

It is our ardent hope that their spirit of faith and compassion can motivate our national and local leaders to deliver a reliable, responsive and relevant service to our people.

We also look forward to sustain the momentum of economic partnership with Hungary.

More power and God bless!

*Alan Peter S. Cayetano*

**Message from the Chargé d’Affaires of the Apostolic  
Nunciature in Manila,**

## **Msgr. Julien Kaboré**

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It is with pleasure that I convey my heartfelt appreciation to His excellency Dr. József Bencze, Ambassador of Hungary to the Philippines, for organizing this memorial service in honor of the five Hungarian confreres of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) who have spent years of missionary life and service in this Country.

The Ambassador’s kind initiative is a testament of his being an authentic promoter of an original diplomacy of „faith and mission”,



an action that requires courage and boldness which makes a difference especially in today's world. The five Hungarian religious men being honored today were also, in a way, „Ambassadors” not only of Christ, but also of Hungary to the Philippines and therefore can be considered His Excellency's „predecessors”.

This inspired action on the part of the Embassy of Hungary in Manila serves as a motivation, not only for the Society of the divine Word, but for the whole Church in the Philippines as they observe the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the country. We pray for a renewal of the Missions not only from Hungary to the Philippines, but also from the Philippines to Hungary.

Manila, 11 March 2020

*Msgr. Julien Kaboré*

Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.



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**Message from the President of the Catholic  
Bishops' Conference of the Philippines,**

# **His Eminence Romulo Valles**

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It is with great pleasure and privilege that I send my warm felicitations on the occasion of the memorial service in honor of the five Hungarian SVD priests who have long served faithfully as missionaries here in the Philippines. The Society of the Divine Word is known for the multi-cultural diverseness of its



membership. Thus an SVD community may have several members coming from different countries. Living in an intercultural harmony within the society and in its mission gives the local community where the missionaries serve a glimpse of the universality of our faith, giving a shining example that indeed we could all be one and live in harmony in spite of our differences. I am sure that the Hungarian priests that we are remembering today not only have been enriched by the Filipino culture but their presence and the dedicated missionary service they have rendered have also deepened the faith and widened the horizons of the Filipinos they have come in contact with.

As I pray for the success of this activity, I extend my paternal blessing and high regards to His Excellency Dr. Jozsef Bencze, the Hungarian Ambassador and the employees of the Hungarian embassy and to the SVD Philippine Central Province who have organized this memorial service.

March 11, 2020

*+ Romulo G. Valles, D.D.*

Archbishop of Davao

CBCP President

**Message from the Archbishop emeritus of Cotabato,**

# **His Eminence Orlando B. Quevedo O.M.I, D.D. Cardinal**

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The memorial that is set up in the sacred place of repose for SVD missionaries is especially to honor the memory of five Hungarian SVD missionaries.

It is not only the local communities that they served who owe them the deepest gratitude. They are communities that are in



communion with the whole Church in the Philippines and thus the Church itself expresses its gratitude to the five Hungarian missionaries.

I may not have met them or even know who they were, but my experience of foreign missionaries in Cotabato and Sulu evokes my profound admiration. They are Religious Disciplines of the Lord, who left the security of their beloved Hungary and became missionaries in various mission areas of the SVD's. They adopted the cultures of poor Filipinos in their common mission to proclaim the Gospel.

Fidelity, simplicity, zeal, service and, most of all, love are their missionary attributes. Indeed, the memorial truly honors the five Hungarian SVD missionaries. Yet, the most significant memorial for them is not engraved on a plaque or on a stone. It is forever etched in the collective memory of the communities they served so zealously and faithfully.

With prayers and best wishes in the Lord,

*+Orlando B. Cardinal Quevedo, O.M.I.*

Archbishop Emeritus of Cotabato

Message from

## Br. Béla Lányi SVD

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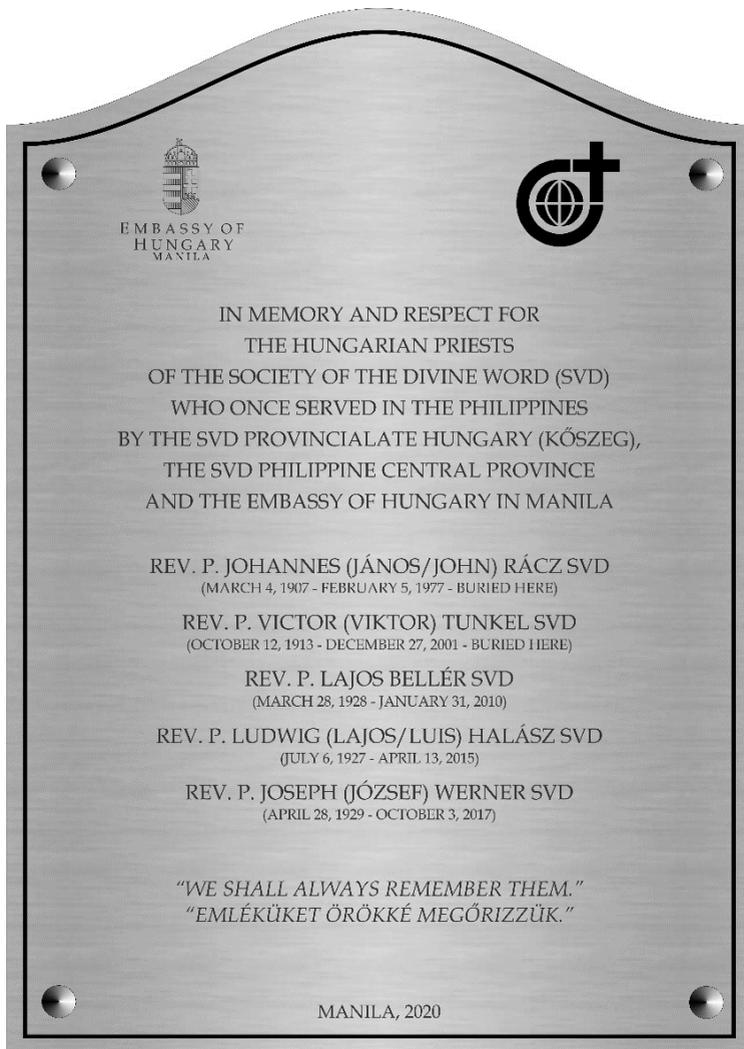
I have just realized that I am the last living representative of Hungarian SVD Missionaries in the Philippines. In fact, there is one more member of this group still alive, the present Bishop of Nagybecskerek in Serbia—but while I intend to spend the rest of my life here in the archipelago, Bishop Nemet is more needed over there in Europe. Even I was not “scheduled” to the Philippines. However, the good reputation of my predecessors moved our General Superior many years ago to invite me to the beautiful



country of the Philippines. I arrived in a country, which I already knew. How? From those Hungarian Divine Word missionaries whom we celebrate here.

“Once you have experienced the Philippines, you will never want to leave it”, told me Fr. Lajos (Ludwig) Halász SVD, my predecessor as Mission Procurator of the Hungarian Province when I had absolutely no clue that I might be assigned here. We all know how He was convinced of this. There was no sermon, no retreat where he would not put Filipinos as best examples of true religiosity to native Europeans who could hardly understand his enthusiasm. So, when I reached the Philippines, I made maximum efforts to visit Sablayan, a city in Mindoro where Fr. Halász founded all the educational institutions of his time. The unforgettable Fr. Lajos (Ludwig) Bellér is always in my mind. He perfectly learned the Pangasinan language so that he, as ignorant of Tagalog, would never be removed from that place, but his fate was over and the Generalate transferred him to his home country where he was elevated to the position of a Vice-Provincial. Last but not least I have to mention Fr. József Werner, a former Hungarian missionary in Mindoro who achieved an SVD career outside his home country like none of us. He became Rector of the SVD Generalate in Rome: a position equivalent to a Provincial Superior. At our last conversation before his death Fr. Werner recommended me to stay in the Hungarian Province if I might—but with a flavor in his voice telling me that after so many years in Europe his heart has still remained in the Philippines. Up to today, I keep on my table his final message that accompanied me to the Philippines. “The strongest is the one who has peace.” With peace in their heart, our Hungarian SVD missionaries were strong to spread what the first Hungarian King, Saint Stephen entrusted to us: faith in God and confidence in ourselves.

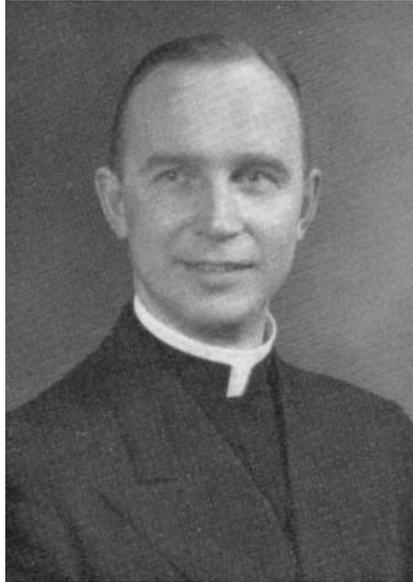
*Br. Béla Lányi SVD*



Location of the marker: Christ The King Garden Of The Divine Word  
Columbarium, Quezon City, Metro Manila  
(14°37'29.3"N, 121°01'41.0"E)



# **The bibliographies of the of Hungarian SVD Missionaries**



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## **Fr. Johannes (János/John) Rácz SVD**

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Racz, John, Langeck, Sid. 07, 21, 30, 34, 35<sup>1</sup>

He was born on March 4, 1907 in Langeck, today a town in the Austrian province of Burgenland. Before World War I, however, this was a land of the Hungarian Crown. His parents were Johann Rácz and Teresia Pinzger. He entered the seminary at St. Rupert in 1921. He went to Saint Augustin, Germany for his novitiate. On May 1, 1928 he pronounced his first vows. In 1932 he continued his studies in St. Gabriel, Austria, where he was ordained a priest on April 29, 1935.

His first assignment in 1935 was in the seminary in Kőszeg, Hungary, where he was the assistant prefect. Then in 1937 he became the Novice

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<sup>1</sup> Source: SVD Catalogus, 1975 (year of birth-year of novitiate-year of first vows-year of perpetual vows-year of ordination)

master and Spiritual director of the Brothers. In 1940 he was assigned as the Secretary of the Holy Childhood Society in Nazareth, Missouri, USA. Then from 1941 to 1946 he was the director of an orphanage in Törökbálint. In 1947, he became the parish priest in Saint Charles, North Dakota.

In 1948 he arrived in the Philippines and was assigned as chaplain at Holy Spirit College, Manila. In 1949, he was transferred to St. William's College in Laoag, Ilocos Norte (now known as the Divine Word College of Laoag). Then in May 1950 he became the assistant

parish priest in Tayum, Abra. After a few months he moved to Bangued, Abra, still as assistant parish priest. In 1953, he was assigned in Claveria, Cagayan, where he was the school director.

In 1956 he returned to Holy Spirit College Manila as chaplain. In 1958, he was assistant in Espiritu Santo Parish in Manila. In June 1958, after a month in Espiritu Santo, he was transferred to a new parish in Cubao, Quezon City as assistant. In 1961, he went to Binmaley, Pangasinan, where he was the school director. Then from 1962 to 1966 he was the Rector of Saint Augustine Seminary in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. In 1966, he became the chaplain at Lourdes Hospital in Manila. In 1971, he was assigned as the assistant parish priest in Kamuning, Quezon City. In 1976 he was assigned as chaplain at the National Orthopedic Hospital in Quezon City.

He died on February 5, 1977 in Lourdes Hospital and was buried at the SVD cemetery in Christ the King Seminary, Quezon City. His funeral held on February 8 was described as "overflowing with a crowd of fifteen hundred friends, two bishops, over sixty priests and brothers, and many Sisters, an eloquent testimony to his dedicated life and service as a confrere, teacher, and priest!".



Fr. Rác is leaving Kőszeg  
(on the right)



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## **Fr. Victor (Viktor) Tunkel SVD**

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Tunkel, Eugenio, Cons. prov., Vic. par., Pornoapati, Sab. 15, 28, 37, 40, 41<sup>2</sup>

Fr. Victor was born on October 12, 1913 in Pornóapáti, Hungary. His father was Josef Tunkel and his mother was Maria Dalkowicz. He had 4 brothers, and he was second to the youngest. He entered the SVD seminary at St. Rupert, Austria in 1928. He made his first vows on May 1, 1938 and he was ordained a priest on July 12, 1942.

He arrived in the Philippines in 1949 and was assigned as Assistant Procurator at Christ the King Seminary in Quezon City. In 1950, he became the Procurator at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Tagbilaran City, Bohol. In 1951 he was the Assistant Parish Priest at Lubang, Occidental Mindoro. In 1953 he became the Assistant Parish Priest in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. Then in 1956, he was assigned as the Parish

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<sup>2</sup> Source: SVD Catalogus, 1975 (year of birth-year of novitiate-year of first vows-year of perpetual vows-year of ordination)

Priest of Baco, Oriental Mindoro. He would stay there for 27 years. He would receive from the Provincial Government an appreciation citation for his contributions to the growth of the town.

In 1983 he was assigned as Praeses of the Mission House in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. Then in 1987 he became the Administrator of the SVD Retreat House in Tagaytay City. In these assignments he earned the praise of his superiors for his untiring efforts of finding funds to improve the facilities of these institutions. His generosity was legendary.

In 1994, in his retirement age of 81, he became the Praeses and Procurator at Villa Cristo Rey, the SVD Retirement House at Christ the King Seminary, Quezon City. This would be his last official assignment.

He died on December 27, 2001; he was 88 years old and he spent 63 years of his life as a religious.



Fr. Tunkel Gymnasiuni and a statue of him in Baco Catholic School, Poblacion, Baco, Oriental Mindoro



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## **Fr. Lajos Bellér SVD**

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Bellér, Ludovico, Vic. par., Kevertmes, Csa. 28, 40, 46, 54, 54<sup>3</sup>

Fr. Bellér, the eldest son of Lajos Bellár Sr. and Mária Mag, was born on March 28, 1928 in Kevertmes, Békés County, Hungary. He decided to become a priest when he was a child. He was encouraged by the children's newsletter of the Society of the Divine Word called "Little Missionary", through which he felt the call to become a missionary.

Beginning in 1940, Fr. Bellér studied at all three missionary houses in Hungary. He spent his novitiate in Kőszeg, where he took his first vows in 1946. In 1949 he was among those theology students, who were "smuggled" out of the country by the Society due to worsening political conditions. He studied Philosophy and Theology in St. Augustine in

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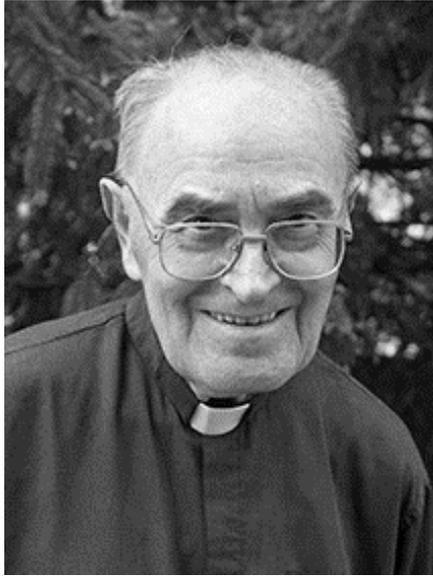


Germany. He was ordained in 1954, and then he went to England for language studies. His first mission assignment was the Philippines.

He arrived in the Philippines on September 26, 1956, where he served at the same parish in the town of Binmaley, Pangasinan until 1989. This was due to the fact that he was the only one who spoke the local dialect. Naturally, he was the one who had to undertake the huge task of translating the liturgical and relevant biblical texts. In the winter of 1989, he and Fr. Jenő Gaál were the first to come back to Hungary to re-establish the Hungarian Province. Even in 1996, despite his age, he attempted to establish the Cursillo movement in the Fatima House of Ásotthalom in the Southern Hungarian Plain. Unfortunately, his health began to deteriorate seriously in 2005. Our much-loved confrere, Fr. Lajos Bellér, passed away after a long illness on 31 January 2010 in the Old Priests' Home in Székesfehérvár, Hungary.



Our Lady of Purification Parish Church, Binmaley, Pangasinan



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## **Fr. Ludwig (Lajos/Luis) Halász SVD**

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Halasz, Luis, Egyed, Ja. 27, 38, 46, 52, 52<sup>4</sup>

He was born in Egyed, Hungary on July 6, 1927. His parents were Ludwig Halász and Julianna Horváth. In 1938 he entered the seminary in Kőszeg, Hungary. He made his first vows on September 8, 1946. In 1948 he went to Saint Gabriel's Seminary in Austria to continue his studies. There he was ordained a priest on September 20, 1952. He arrived in the Philippines in 1954 and received his first assignment as an Assistant Parish Priest in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. In 1955 he moved to the parish in San Teodoro, Or. Mindoro to substitute for a priest who went for home vacation. In 1956 he was assigned as the Assistant in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro.

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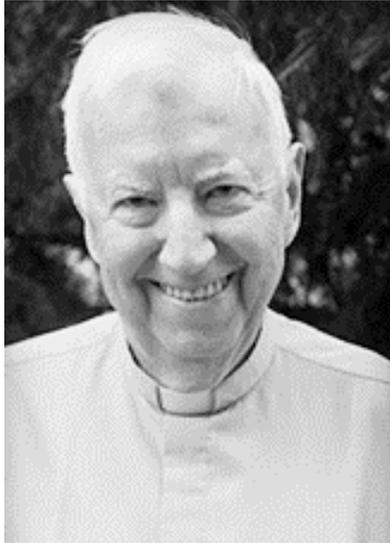


In 1958 he was assigned as the Parish Priest in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. Here he would stay for twenty years, during which time he built the big church and expanded the parish school of Colegio De San Sebastian. It was told that he would help aspiring business men to set up their business by financial assistance. Without that help, many businesses would not have flourished and made Sablayan the booming town that it is today. Thus, some like to call him the "Father of Sablayan". He also revived an abandoned hospital and it is now known a St. Martin's Hospital, managed by the Dominican Sisters of Siena, the only private hospital in town.

In 1978, he was transferred to Victoria, Oriental Mindoro to be the Parish Priest. In 1983, he was reassigned to Sablayan. In 1994 he returned home to Hungary to reinforce the dwindling personnel of the Hungarian Province. Fr. Halász died on April 13, 2015. In his memory, the grateful people of Sablayan put up a life size statue of him in front of the parish convent.



Photos from his life, his returning visit to Sablayan in 2004 and a statue of him



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## Fr. Joseph (József) Werner SVD

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Werner, Josef, Pecs, Qu. E. 29, 47, 49, 53, 53<sup>5</sup>

Fr. József was born on April 28, 1929 in Pécs, Hungary. His father was Josef Werner and his mother was Maria Oberst. In 1947 he entered the seminary in Kőszeg. On September 8, 1949 he pronounced his first vows at the Saint Augustin Seminary in Germany. Here he was ordained a priest on August 28, 1953.

He arrived in the Philippines in 1954. His assignments were all in the island, notably in Naujan, Mamburao, and San Jose. At one point he was elected as the Regional Superior of Mindoro. He served also as the SVD director of the Naujan Academy in Oriental Mindoro.

In 1977 he went to Nemi, Italy for the required renewal course for missionaries. He would never go back to the Philippines as he received an

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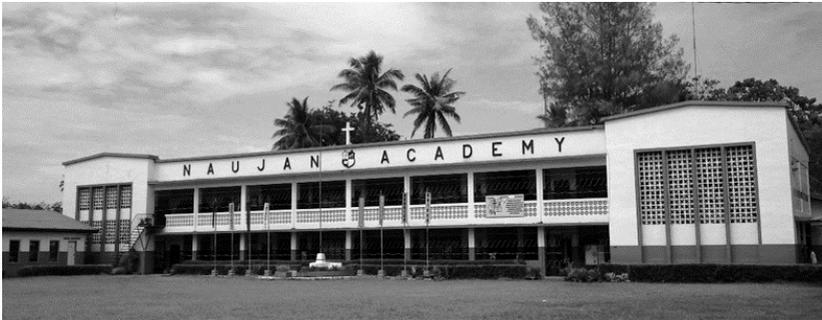
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assignment to be the Rector at the Collegio de San Pietro in Rome in 1978. After two years he was transferred to the Collegio del Verbo Divino, also in Rome.

In 1986, he was assigned to the Italian Province.

In 1992 he was transferred to Hungary, particularly in Kőszeg, where he would hold various positions like Novice master, House Councilor, Spiritual Director, and Vice Rector until his retirement and eventual death on October 3, 2017.



The Naujan Academy, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro



Fr. Werner in his later years in Hungary



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*Fr. Vicente Rayco SVD – Former Procurator*

*Fr. Ronnie Crisostomo SVD – Shrine Rector and Liturgist*

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