

MARCH 10, 1955 Fr. Gerald Power, CM

Fr Gerald Power died in Melbourne on March 10, 1955, after a long illness at the age of 59. Born in Victoria, he began preliminary Church studies at St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, where he was a student for 4 years, 1916-19. He went with Frs Nicholas Rossiter and John McMahon for further seminary studies in Blackrock, Ireland, and was with them also during further studies at Dax, in the south of France, and in Rome.

He returned to Australia as a priest in 1923 and was appointed to St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst where he was Dean of Discipline for 3 years. He worked then in various parishes before being appointed Superior and later Director of Students at St Joseph's Training College, Eastwood. For several years he was Provincial Procurator.

On leaving Eastwood he became Rector at St Leo's College within the University of Queensland. He was its last Vincentian Rector, the College being handed over to the care of the Jesuits towards the close of his term as Superior in 1953. During his term as Rector he succeeded in having Scholastic Philosophy taught as an alternative subject in the Philosophy School of Queensland University in Brisbane to second and third year students. The lecturer, by his arrangement also, was a religious priest. The first such was an Augustinian.