

## **MARCH 25, 1984      Fr. John Verrijt, CM**

Fr John Verrijt, a Vincentian from the Dutch Province, who had been working in Indonesia, first came to Australia in the late 1950's. Unable to return to Indonesia he remained in Australia as chaplain to the Dutch community in Adelaide. He died as a result of a car accident in Holland on March 25. Fr Verrijt was chaplain in Adelaide from 1965 to 1974. He was the last official Dutch chaplain in Adelaide. In 1974 he returned to Holland where he was working as a parish priest. He was aged 67 and had hoped to retire later in that year and visit Australia and New Zealand. At the time of his death he had a brother, Jack, living at Burnside an Adelaide suburb.