

Rev. Father Charles J. Beurms

**Member of the Congregation of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary (C.I.C.M.)**

Born: in Waasmunster, Belgium, May 5, 1888

First Religious Vows: September 8, 1907

Ordained a priest: July 21, 1912

First departure to the Philippines:
October 15, 1912

Died in Quezon City: August 10, 1964.

The sudden departure of Rev. Father Charles J. Beurms from this earth reminds us again of the transitoriness of life and the stern warning of our Divine Master: "Watch ye therefore, because you know not what hour your Lord will come." (Math. XXV, 42) Father Beurms was the faithful servant who performed great things in his life time. He was one of the group of the early missionary-pioneers who arrived in the Philippines from Belgium in 1912. Because of his versatile character he was a man of many aptitudes who knew the secret of how to combine the spiritual with the material: as a priest, he became known as "the holy man"; as a missionary, he was a zealous and untirable laborer in the Great Harvest of the Lord; when attending to the material work of his society, he was the "just man" who never failed to trust in Saint Joseph, his favored Patron Saint; among his friends, he was joyful company; as a confrere in the religious community, he was good and nice to live with. The theme that inspired him most in times of war or peace, calamity or prosperity, became proverbial with him: "it is all for the honor of God." Now that he has joined those that went before him, we can only whisper in silent prayer: "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians, 1, 21)

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

