

Henk ter Huurne, SS.CC.

(1921 – 2013)



Father Henk ter Huurne was born on the 16th of February 1921 in Utrecht. On 25 September 1939 he entered the Congregation. On the 25th of July 1944 he was ordained a priest in Valkenburg.

As a young priest Henk had the desire to go to Brazil as a missionary. But the Congregation preferred to use his talents. Straight after he finished his study at the major seminary he became professor at the minor seminary. To prepare himself better for this task, he studied classical languages and cultures at the university of Nijmegen.

More than 25 years Henk dedicated himself fully to the education and formation of young people.

In 1972 the general superior asked Henk to become the general secretary of the Congregation. His fast and accurate way of working and his extended knowledge of languages contributed to the fact that he felt himself at home fast.

Henk worked two periods in Rome. In between he was six years a member of the community of Bavel. In that time he was part time pastor in the parish of Bavel and was the secretary of different commissions.

In the last years he became more and more dependent on the care of other people. During these years he was always a very patient man.

Henk died on the 12th of November 2015 in Teteringen, very quietly.

Henk was a real 'man of the congregation', a very religious man.