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SPIRITAN PROFILES

FOREWORD

We have sometimes been asked to present, by way of lives of our confreres, a concrete realization of Spiritan spirituality, as we did for Blessed Fr Brottier. Lived examples have special power!

This time we set out to offer the example of an Irish, a French and a Portuguese confrere; later on we hope to speak of confreres of other nationalities, even in the Congregation's recent history.

Bishop Shahahan was the great apostle of Nigeria. Fr Myles L. Fay, former missionary in that country, who soon returns to Africa, speaks of him with the enthusiasm of admiration.

Bishop Vogt enjoys a veritable cult at Yaounde. Fr Joseph Balthazar, missionary at Yaounde, knew him well, as did Fr Michel Kieffer, his fellow-countryman.

Fr Felgueiras, whose tragic end illustrated the great zeal that marked his life, has left an indelible memory in the Portuguese Province. Fr Rocha speaks of him with the competence of one who knew his hero personally.

We add a part of an unedited letter of Fr Libermann's found in the archives of Amiens, addressed to M. Daveluy, seminarian, who was later to become Vicar Apostolic in Korea and to be martyred there; he was canonized recently by Pope John Paul II with a group of Korean martyrs.

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