

# Ruyven Leo

30 maart

Ko Klaver meldt dat de begrafenis van Leo van Ruijven zal plaats vinden op woensdag 3 april in Ngong.

Als doodsoorzaak is vastgesteld: leverkanker.

Moge hij leven in het licht en de vrede van de Heer.

Fons

28 maart 2013

Dear All,

Leo died about 1 hour ago in Nairobi Hospital where he was admitted on Sunday 17th March. I have contacted his Sister who has been in contact with me every day.

Regards. \* Ko \*

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## Death Notice

The General Council regrets to announce the death of **Fr Leo van Ruijven** RIP

who died on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Nairobi Hospital. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at Ngong. Please remember Fr Leo in your prayers.

A more detailed obituary notice will be sent out after Easter.

**3rd Obituary of 2013**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

We regret to announce the death at Nairobi Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013, at the age of 74, of

**Fr Leo van Ruijven**

May he rest in Peace



Fr Leonard (Leo) van Ruijven was born on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1939 at Delft in the Diocese of Haarlem, the Netherlands. He was the son of Laurensius van Ruijven and Maria Molenwyk, and had three brothers and one sister. He received his secondary education in the Mill Hill Colleges of Hoorn, Haelen and Tilburg from 1952 to 1957. Desiring to become a Missionary Priest he studied Philosophy at Roosendaal from 1958 to 1960. From 1960 to 1964 he studied Theology at St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, London. Leo van Ruijven took his Perpetual Oath on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1963 at St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, and was ordained priest in the College Chapel by Archbishop Heenan on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1964.

After ordination Fr Leo van Ruijven was appointed to the Diocese of Kisii in Kenya. He worked there among the Luo people till 1993. Asumbi, Rakwaro Seminary, Homa Bay, Oyugis and Mawego are parishes where he worked. He followed a renewal course at Nemi in 1984. In 1995 he attended another renewal course at Navan in Ireland, after which he returned to work in Mbita in the Diocese of Homa Bay. In 1999 he moved to the Diocese of Ngong, and was appointed Financial Administrator of the Diocese in the year 2000. Leo fulfilled that task faithfully till his final illness and death.

Fr Leo van Ruijven was a faithful and dedicated missionary in Kenya, working in the Dioceses of Kisii, Homa Bay and Ngong. For more than forty years he was involved in pastoral ministry, teaching in the Minor Seminary, and administration. He made a valuable contribution to the establishment of the local church in Nyanza and to the management of the finances in the Diocese of Ngong.

Frequent struggles with ill health were part of his life. He bore it with patience and resolve. His health began to deteriorate once again some weeks ago, and preparations were made for him to travel for treatment to the Netherlands. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 he was admitted to Nairobi Hospital, and on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 he was given the Sacrament of Anointing by the Superior General, Fr Anthony Chantry. Fr Leo passed away peacefully at the hospital on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The funeral mass and burial took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at St Joseph's Parish, Ngong.