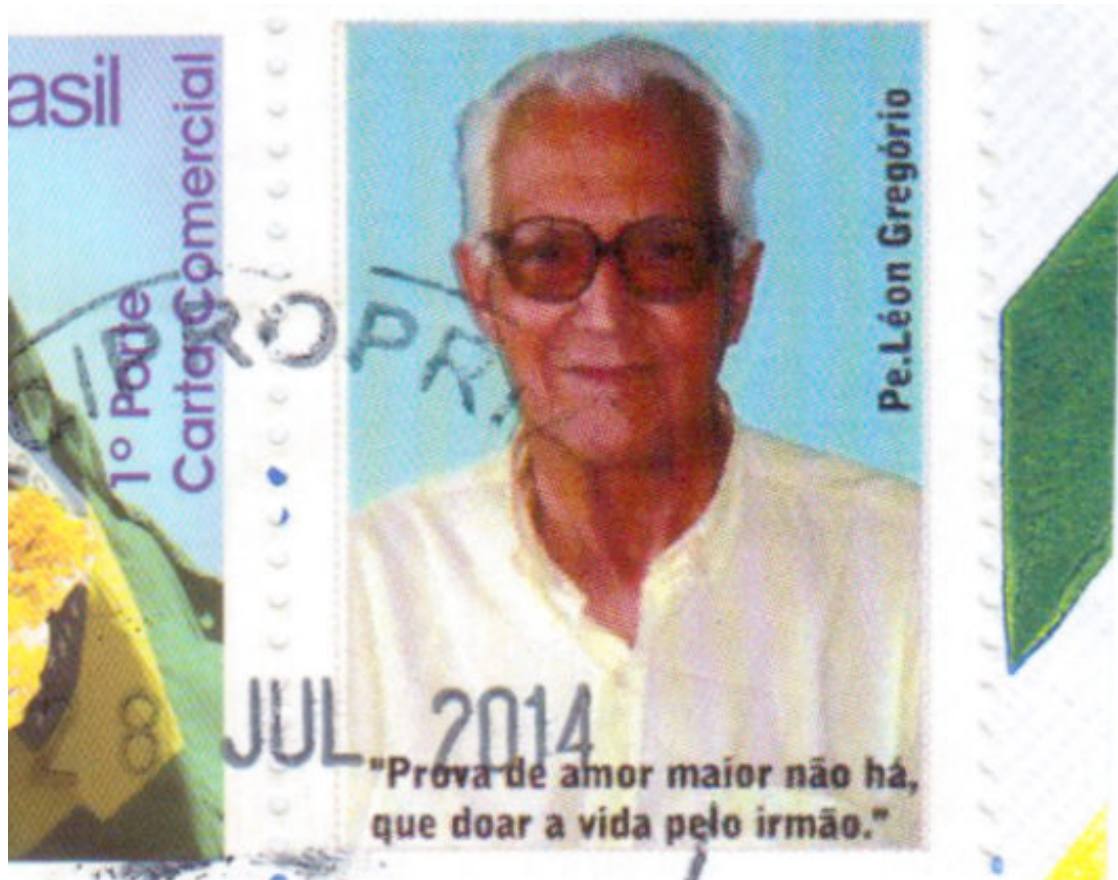


A Belgian Redemptorist missionary on a postal stamp

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The fact deserves to be noted. It is rather rare to see one of our confreres' picture printed on a stamp. That is the case for our Belgian father, Léon Grégoire (1925-2011). Padre Gregorio, as the people in Brasil call him. He joined the Congregation in Belgium in 1948 and became a priest in 1953. During 12 years he was a missionary and professor in the juvenate. At the age of 40 he asked to join the new mission founded by the Belgian fathers, which had just been opened at Propria in the state of Sergipe in Brasil. For nearly 45 years he lived at 'Nossa Senhora da Gloria' in the diocese of Propria. He engaged himself a lot in social work, he founded a kindergarten for poor children etc. to the extent that he became well-known in Sergipe, and beyond since it was believed to be good to dedicate a special stamp to him. Thanks be to him!

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