

BUIJS Leonard

Was born in Sommelsdijk in the diocese of Haarlem, Holland, on 8th December 1896. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Her-togenbosch on 29th September 1916 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 11th January 1922. After studying in the *Angelicum* in Rome he gained the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and of Theology on 27th June 1925. Until 1928 he assisted Father Cornelius Damen in preparing a new edition of the moral theology of Father Joseph Aertnys. Returning to Holland, he taught in Wittem and frequently contributed articles to *Nederlandsche Katholieke Stemmen*. His work for Catholic Action led to his being appointed a consultor to the Dutch hierarchy in its promotion of Catholic Action in Holland. He was elected Superior General by the general chapter on 30th April 1947. As supreme moderator of the Redemptorists he promoted especially the missionary apostolate of the Congregation and the more thorough cultivation of the Sacred Sciences. Among the works he established are the Alphonsian Academy, the Redemptorist Historical Institute and the *Spicilegium historicum*. While on his way to make the canonical visitation in the Upper German province in May 1953 he became ill and had to be admitted to the public hospital in Innsbruck, where after a little more than a month he died on 27th June 1953.

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