



“Health
and
Peace”

Blessed EUSTAQUIO van LIESHOUT ssc



**Born on
November 3, 1890**

in AARLE RIXTEL

**(Diocese of
S'Hertogenbosch)**

**in the north Brabant
(The Netherlands)**

**His parents:
Wilhelmus
van Lieshout
and
Elisabeth
van den
Meulenhof,
Farmers.**



**Eustaquio is the 8th
of 11 children.**



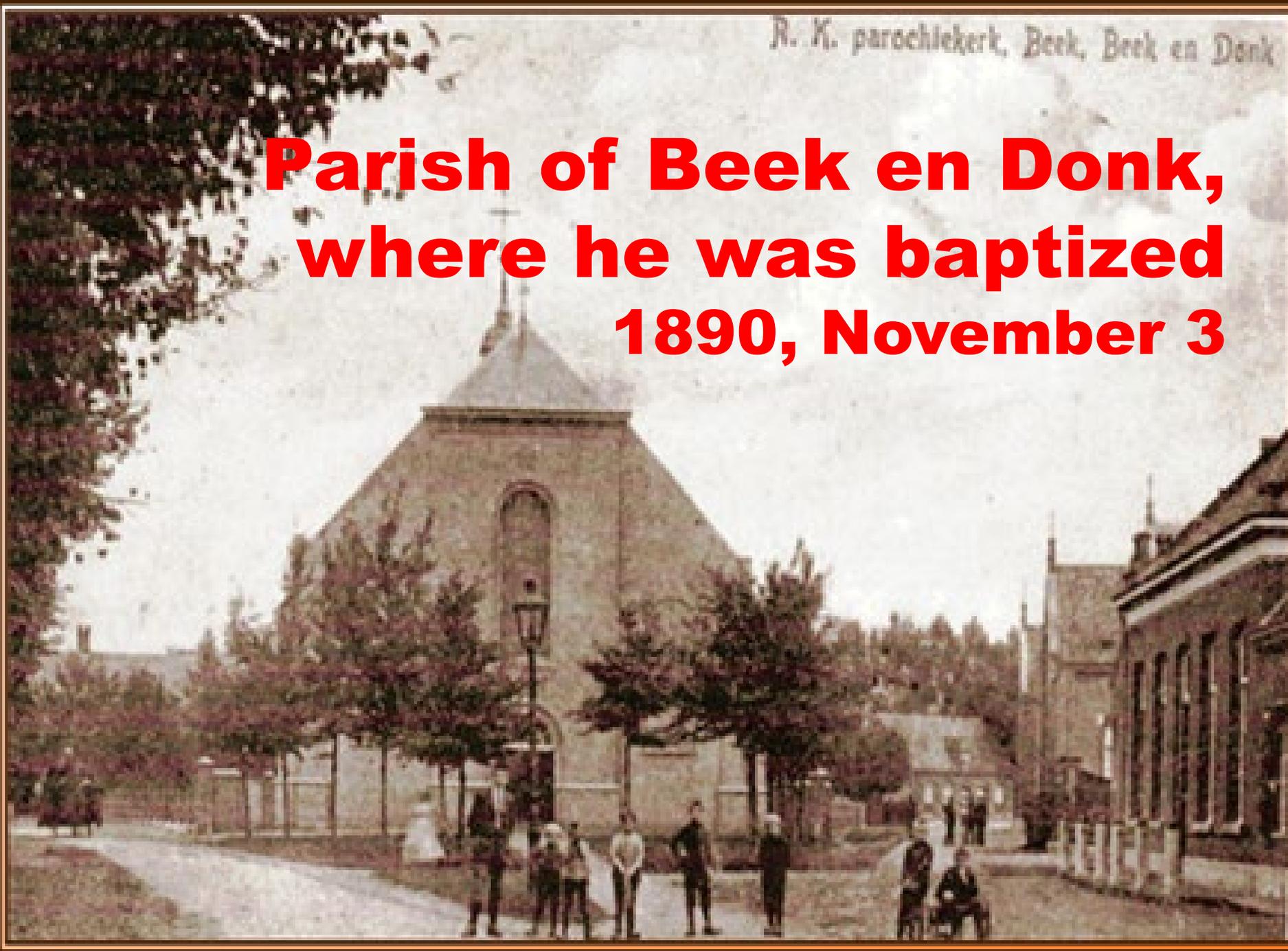
DOOPTE HUIS PATER EUSTACHIUS VAN LIESHOUT
VAN DE CONGREGATIE DER H.L. HARTEN
GEB. AABLE - DIXTEL 3 NOVEMBER 1890
VERTROKKEN NAAR BRAZILIE 22 APRIL 1925
STORVEN BELLO HORIZONTE 30 AUGUSTUS 1943

ZAL HUN DE GAVE SCHENKEN OM DE HARTEN VAN
DE MEEST VERSTORTE ZONDAARS TE TREFFEN.

Birthplace

R. K. parochiekerk, Beek, Beek en Donk

**Parish of Beek en Donk,
where he was baptized
1890, November 3**

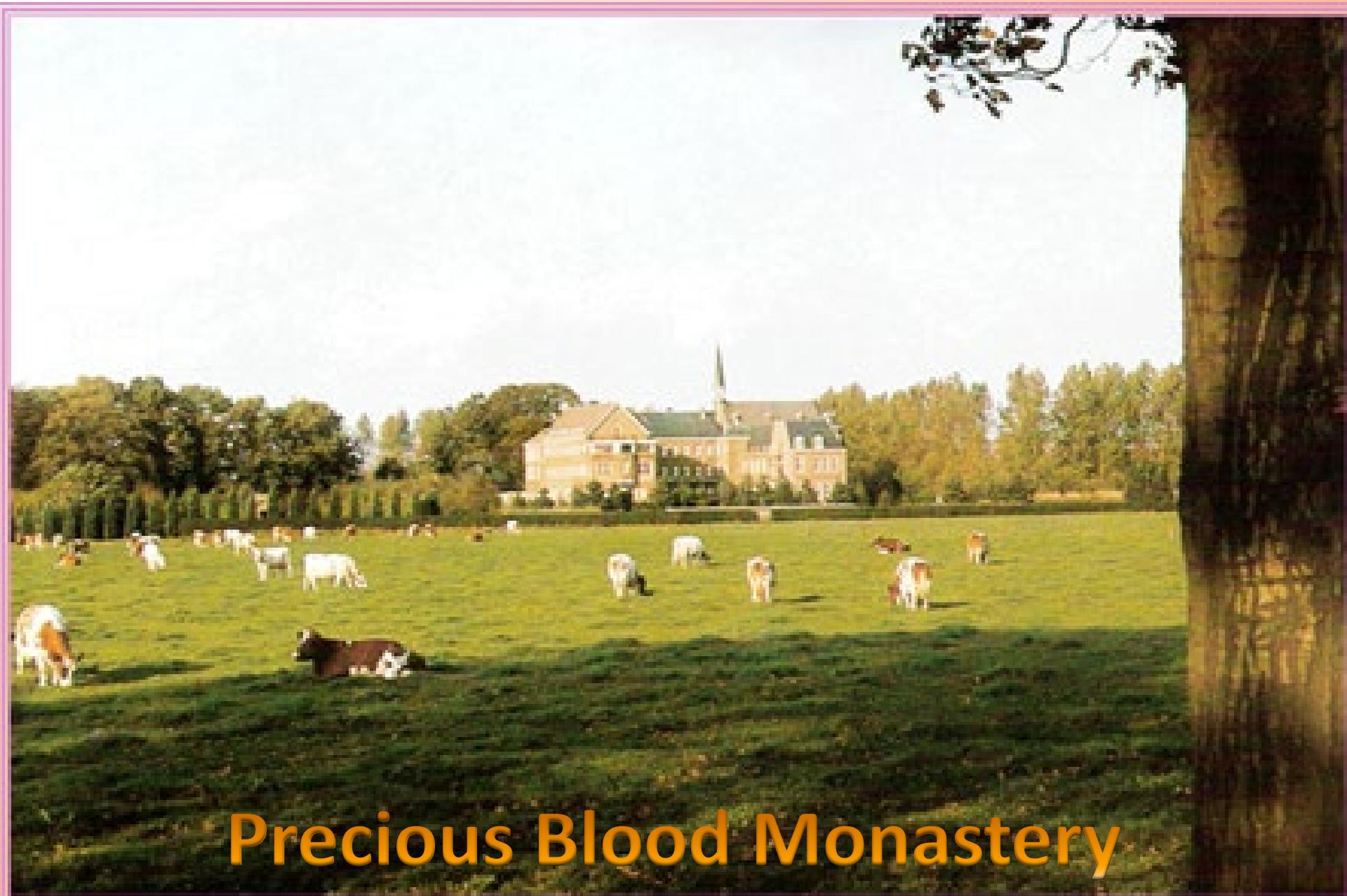




**Baptismal
font,
where he
received
the name
Hubert.**



**Kindergarten in Beek
en Donk, 1895**



**Precious Blood Monastery
where Hubert was an altar boy.**

**1905: enters in the
SSCC Damien Institute
(he is 15 years old)**



**Takes part in the
band of the
Institute.**





**September 10,
1913:**

**Joined the
novitiate, in
Tremelo (in Belgium,
where Fr. Damien was
born).**

**When taking the
habit he changed
his name to**

Eustaquio.

**Dispersion of Novitiate
(before finishing) due
to the presence of the
German military forces.**

**Eustaquio went to the
religious Convent of the
Schijndel Sisters in Den
Dungen to which his
own sister belonged.**





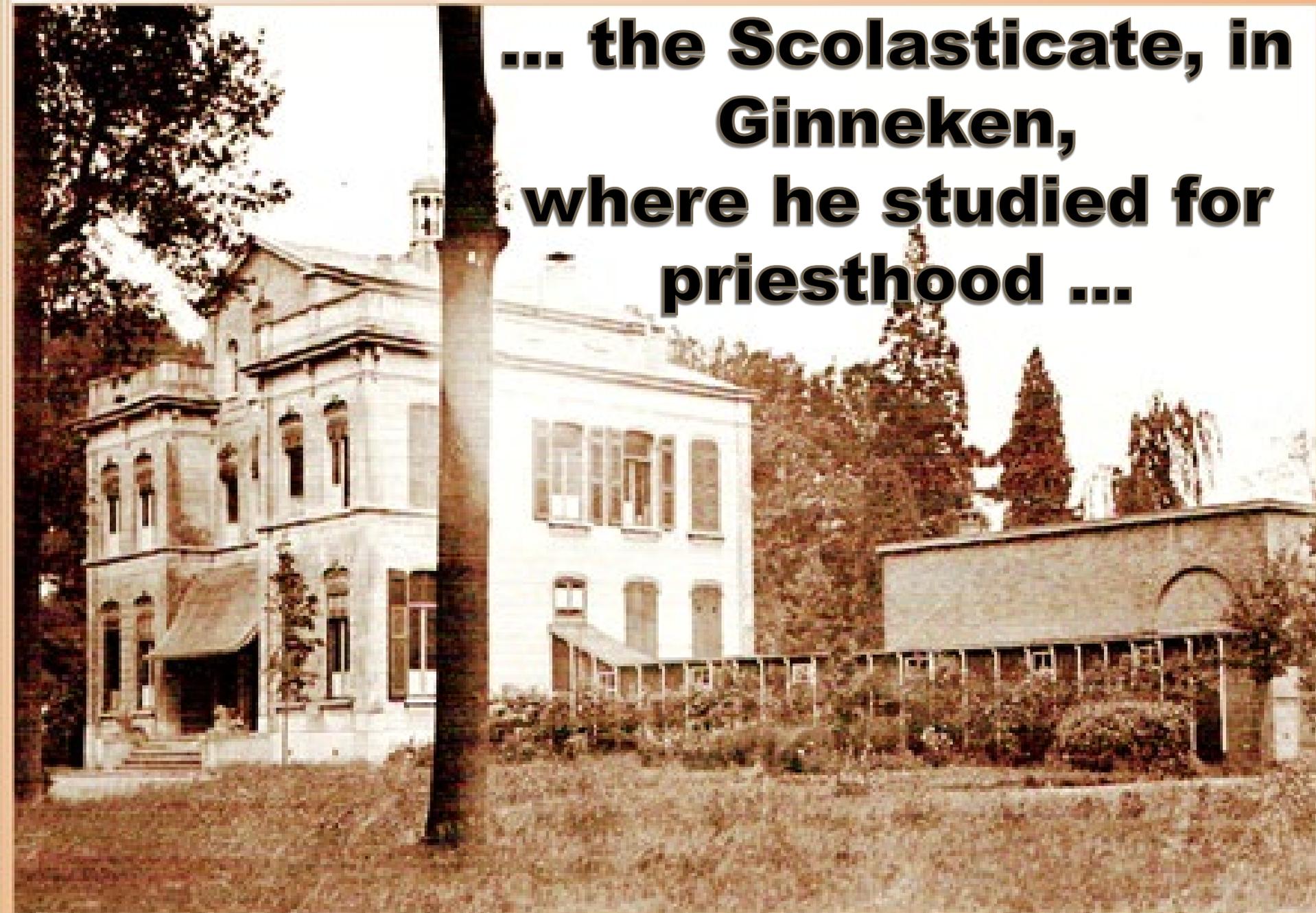
1914, Oct. 1: The SSCC members were reunited again in Grave, Holland

1915, January 27: First Profession of Eustaquio
in Grave, Holland



SSCC student of Theology...

**... the Scolasticate, in
Ginneken,
where he studied for
priesthood ...**



**... made his perpetual
profession
(March 18, 1818)...**

**... was ordained deacon
(May 11, 1919)**



... and where he was ordained priest.

V.C.J.S † M.I.

Adducam eos in montem sanctum meum
et laetificabo eos in domo orationis meae
holocausta eorum et victimae eorum place-
bunt mihi super Altare meum. (Isaias 56)

In memoriam S. Presbyteratus Ordinis nobis collati a Reymo
et illmo Dno

PETRO HOPMANS

EPISC^o BREDANO

Ginneken, die festo St. Laurentii, 10 Aug. 1919.

P. ANTONIUS-MARIA JACOBS

P. CYRILLUS GRONDHUIS

P. EUSTACHIUS VAN LIESHOUT

P. LUDGERUS APPELMAN

P. THADDEUS BOUHUIJSEN

P. AURELIUS LUBACH

Qui mihi ministrat, me sequatur; et ubi Ego sum, illic et minister meus erit,
(Comm: Festi).

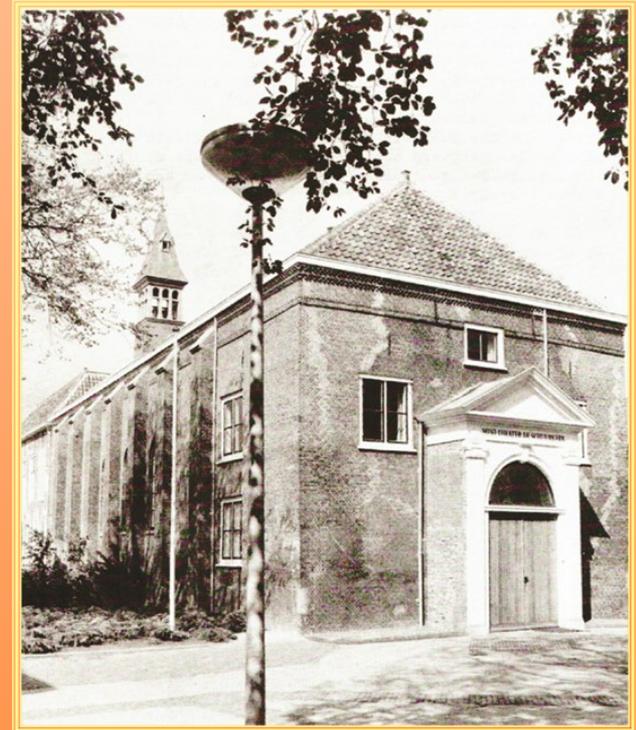
OREMUS.

Suavissimi Sacramenti Tui, Domine Jesu, timorem pariter et amorem fac nos
habere perpetuum, et quos hodie Tuos consecrasti sacerdotes. in Corde Tuo vivere,
sacrificare et docere atque pie mori concede, Rex noster super omnia in saecula
saeculorum. Amen.

Maria, Spes nostra, monstra Te nobis propitiam (900 dies).



- He is 29 years old, just ordained and in August 1, 1919 is appointed as socius of Novitiate in Vileringsbeek (Holland), for some months...



...and he is sent, in March 1, 1920, as chaplain to Belgian glass workers in **Maassluis** (Holland), for two years.

MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES DE BELGIQUE

DIRECTION DES ORDRES

Année 1922
Arrêté Royal de 9 août

Le soussigné reconnaît avoir reçu du Département
des Affaires Étrangères les insignes de Chevalier
de l'Ordre de la Couronne,
lesquels seront restitués en cas de promotion.

A Gineken, le 18 Oct. 1922.

SIGNATURE

Philippe Van der Linden

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NOM et PRÉNOMS	QUALITÉ	LIEU ET DATE DE NAISSANCE	ADRESSE
<i>Van Lieshout Eustachius Hubertus</i>	<i>Prêtre Religieux des Lazaris Cocuss- Vieput</i>	<i>Charle. Rivier 1870- 3 novembre</i>	<i>Père Eustache van Lieshout Nieuw-Oppe- Gineken (Hollande)</i>

After that
service he
received the
title of
“Knight of
the Order of
the Belgian
Crown”.



- He became Vicar in the parish of **Roelofarendsceen**, Holland (1922, February 25).

In 1924 he began preaching and giving retreats in several places in Holland...



1924: the Dutch Province began to look for an area of mission in Latin America (Uruguay...)

Fr. Eustaquio van Lieshout, Fr. Egidius (Gil) van den Boogaart and Fr. Matthias van Rooij were appointed to the future mission.

They traveled to Miranda de Ebro (Burgos, SPAIN) to learn Spanish... but finally Brazil was the option...



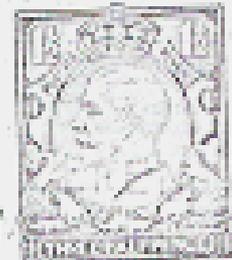


Fr. Eustaquio left
Amsterdam for Brazil, on
April 23, 1925, with
Fr. Gilles van de Boogaard
and Fr. Mathias van Roy.

The Provincial Father,
Norbert Poelman,
accompanied this first
Dutch group to Brazil.
They sailed in the ship
“Flandria”

Königlich Holländischer Lloyd
Lloyd Royal Hollandais,
Amsterdam.
S. S. Flandria.

POSTKARTE
CARTE POSTALE



"LONDON
STADIUM
6th - 2nd May
8-30 P.M.



Beste moeder,
alles goed. De
avond reeds aangevaren.
Heerlijk weer! Veel
genot bij ons aan boord.
We zijn al thuis. Het
afschied was roerend
doch God verliet het
wel. Goed reed.
Hopen op een geluk.
Dank aan uw afzender.
J. Eustachius

De heer
Ch^a Pacifica
Perchem.
bij v.v.s.
Holland

De briefkaart die Eustachius op de boot naar Brazilië aan zijn zus schreef.

**Postcard to his family
written during the trip to Brazil**

Long live the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Everything is going well. The ship is now in route to Ijmuiden. So far no problems. Time is magnificent. There are several church board. The cabins are gorgeous. We are very happy.

At this time Father Aloysius is on my side.

Until next time. Let's remind each other.

Your grateful son and brother.

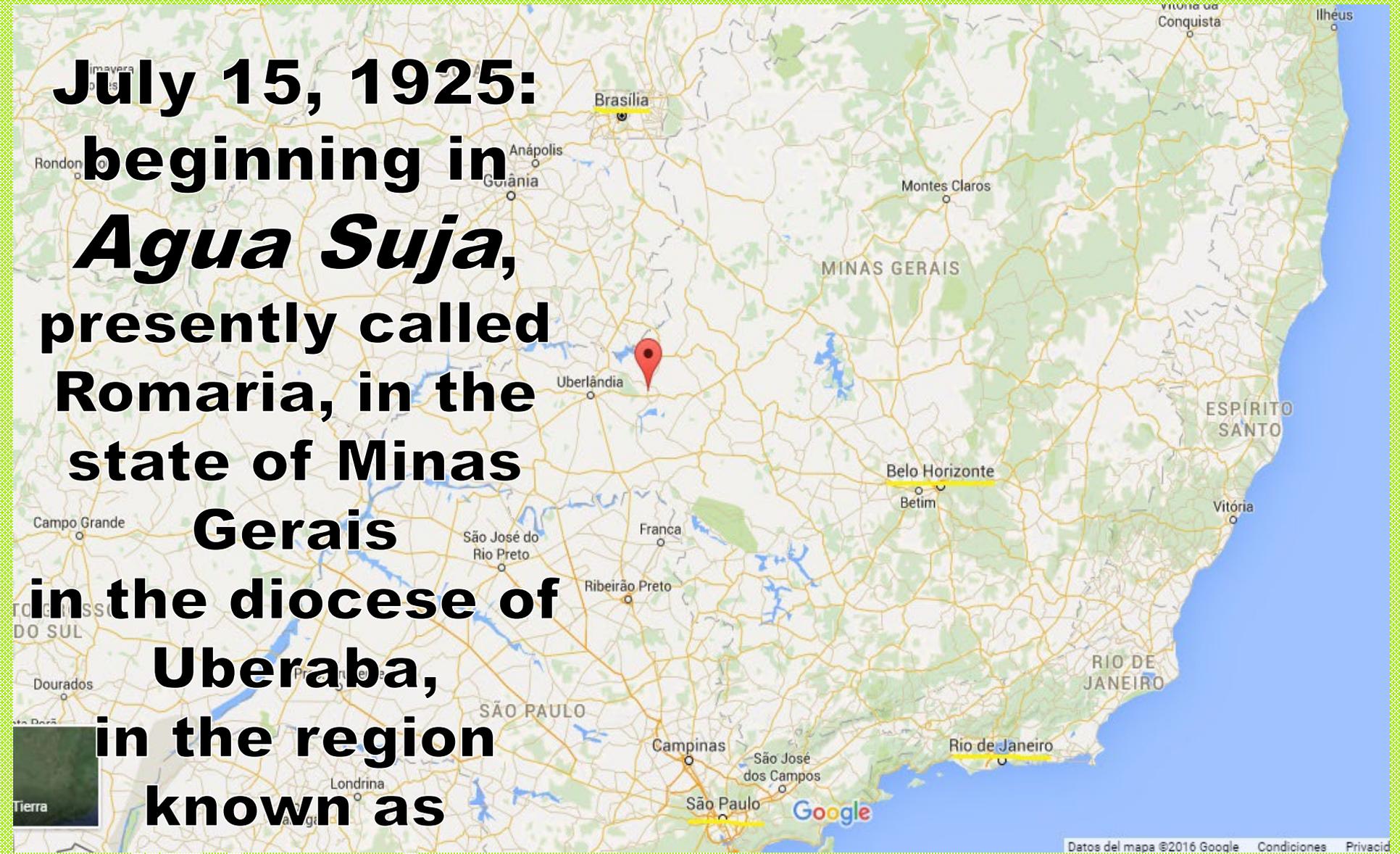
Eustaquio, ss. cc.

SOUTH AMERICA



May 12, 1925:
The group
arrived in
Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil.

July 15, 1925:
beginning in
***Agua Suja*,**
presently called
Romaria, in the
state of Minas
Gerais
in the diocese of
Uberaba,
in the region
known as
"Triangulo
Minero"

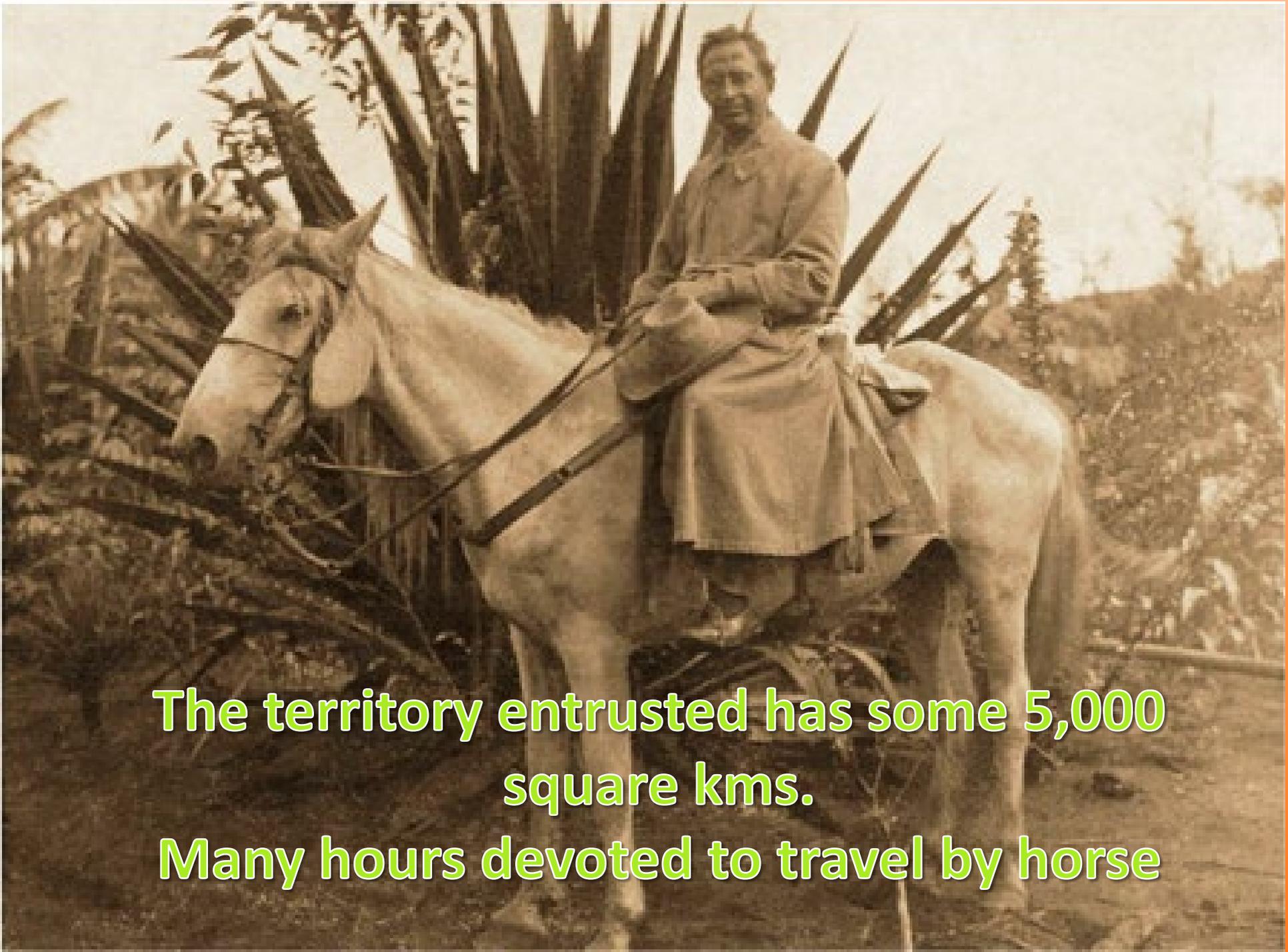


“Água Suja” (Dirty water)

**named so because of color of the water of the river after
washing
and rinsing minerals.**



**A remote place, particularly famous for a shrine to
Our Lady of Abadia, attended by thousands of pilgrims.**



The territory entrusted has some 5,000 square kms.

Many hours devoted to travel by horse

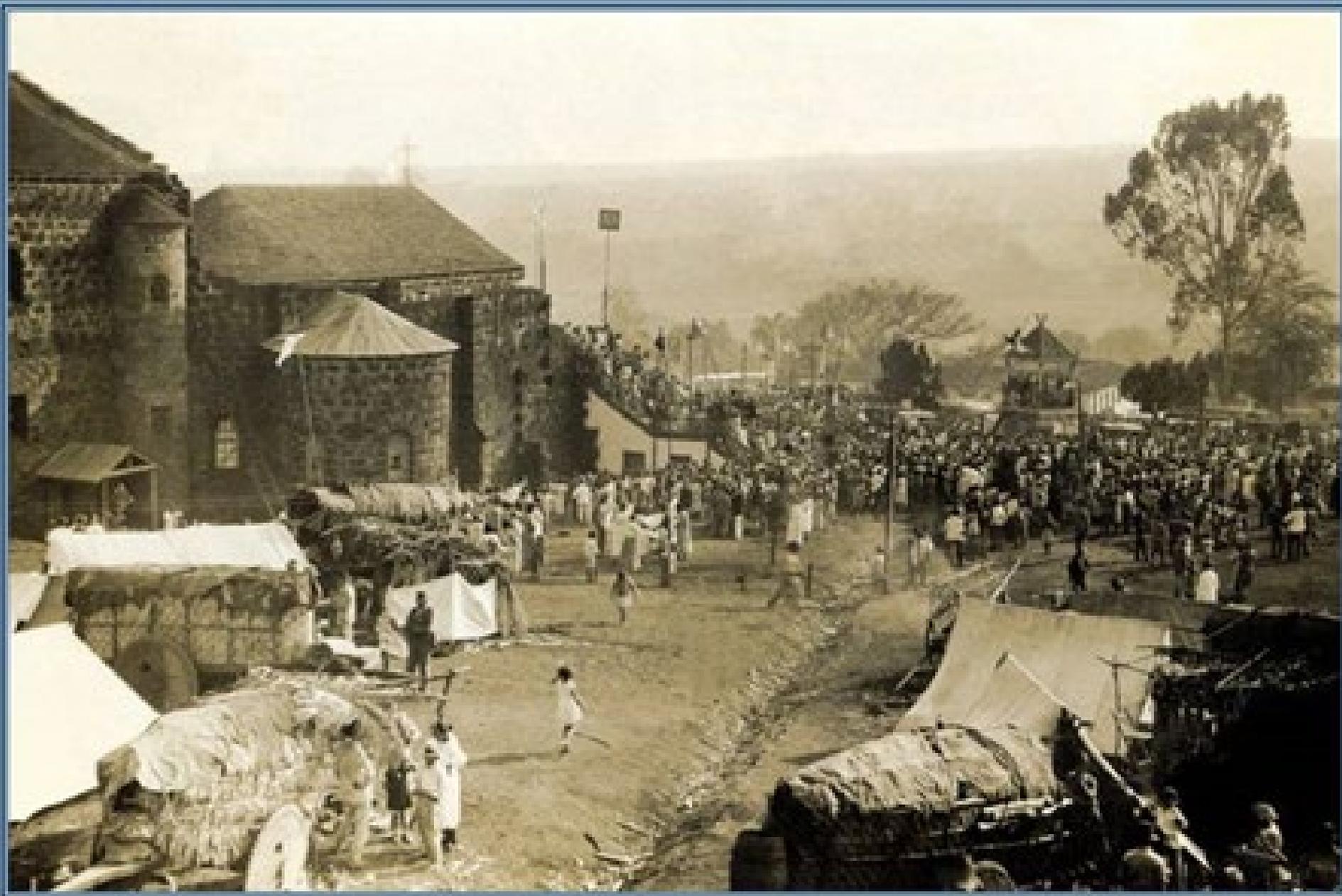


Initially the SSCC Fathers were unwelcome, but soon the situation changed. Eustaquio reorganized the rites of pilgrimage, renewed the Catholic life of his parishioners and began building a new church.

He spent much time attending to the spiritual and physical needs of the sick.

He was pastor for 10 years (1925-1934)





Pilgrims to the Shrine

The Shrine of Our Lady of Abadia under renovation

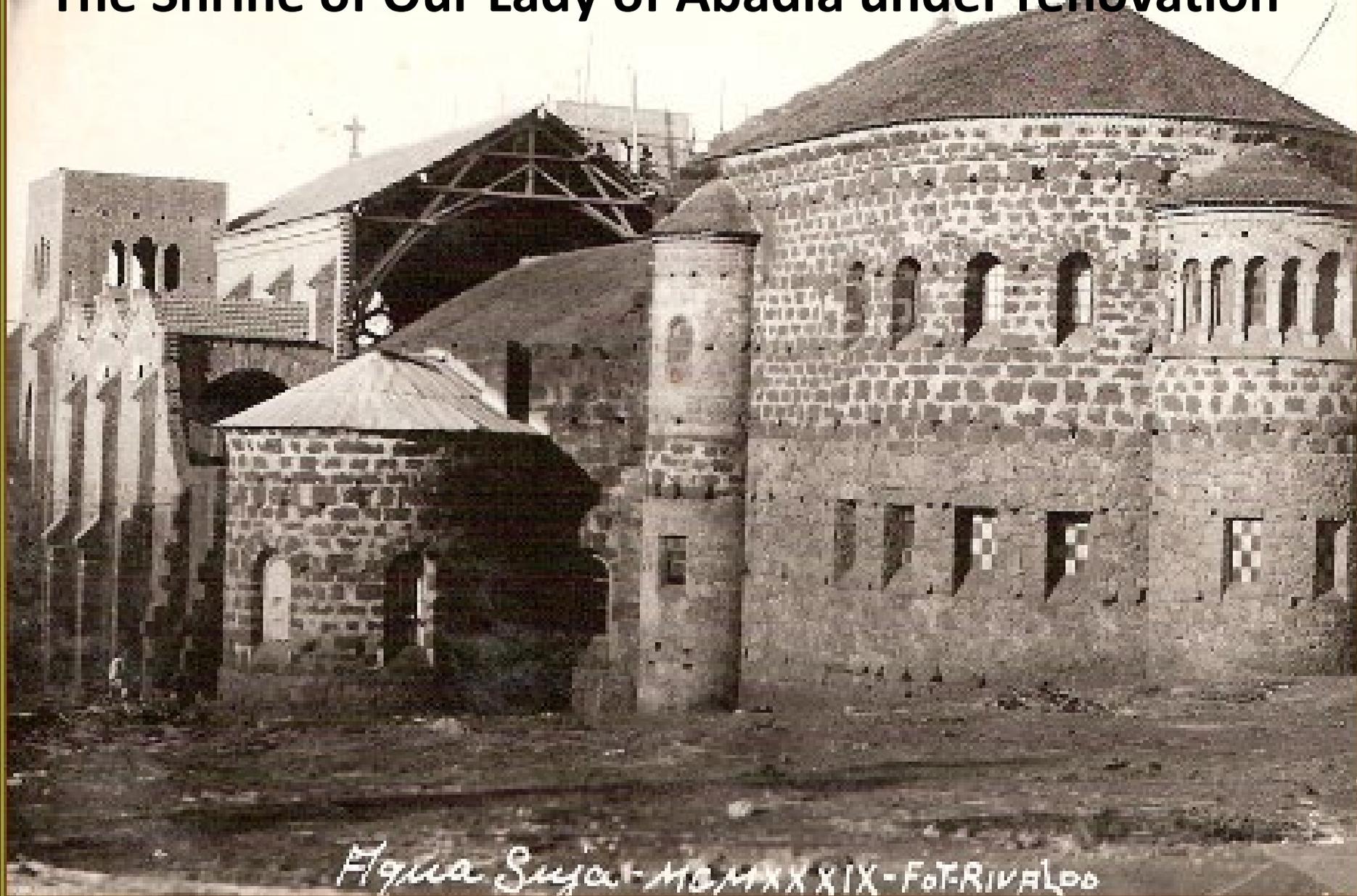


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Pilgrims come from all over: some fifty thousand pilgrims, accompanied by three thousand bullock carts. Many want to fulfill the promise to Mary. The bishop, accompanied by several priests, also participates in the celebration. In addition to the procession and acts in the church, there are fairs, festivals, parades, fireworks, without forgetting the bordellos naturally .



The shrine before and after the arrival of the SSCC.

With the bishop and other SSCC





SSCC missionary group in Brazil

Fr. Eustaquio with his people



He organized a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, with the individual blessing of each patient. What most impresses people is the great concern of Eustaquio for the sick.





Fr. Gil van den Boogaard and Fr. Matthias van Rooij departed, the first to found a college in Araguari and the second in Patrocinio.

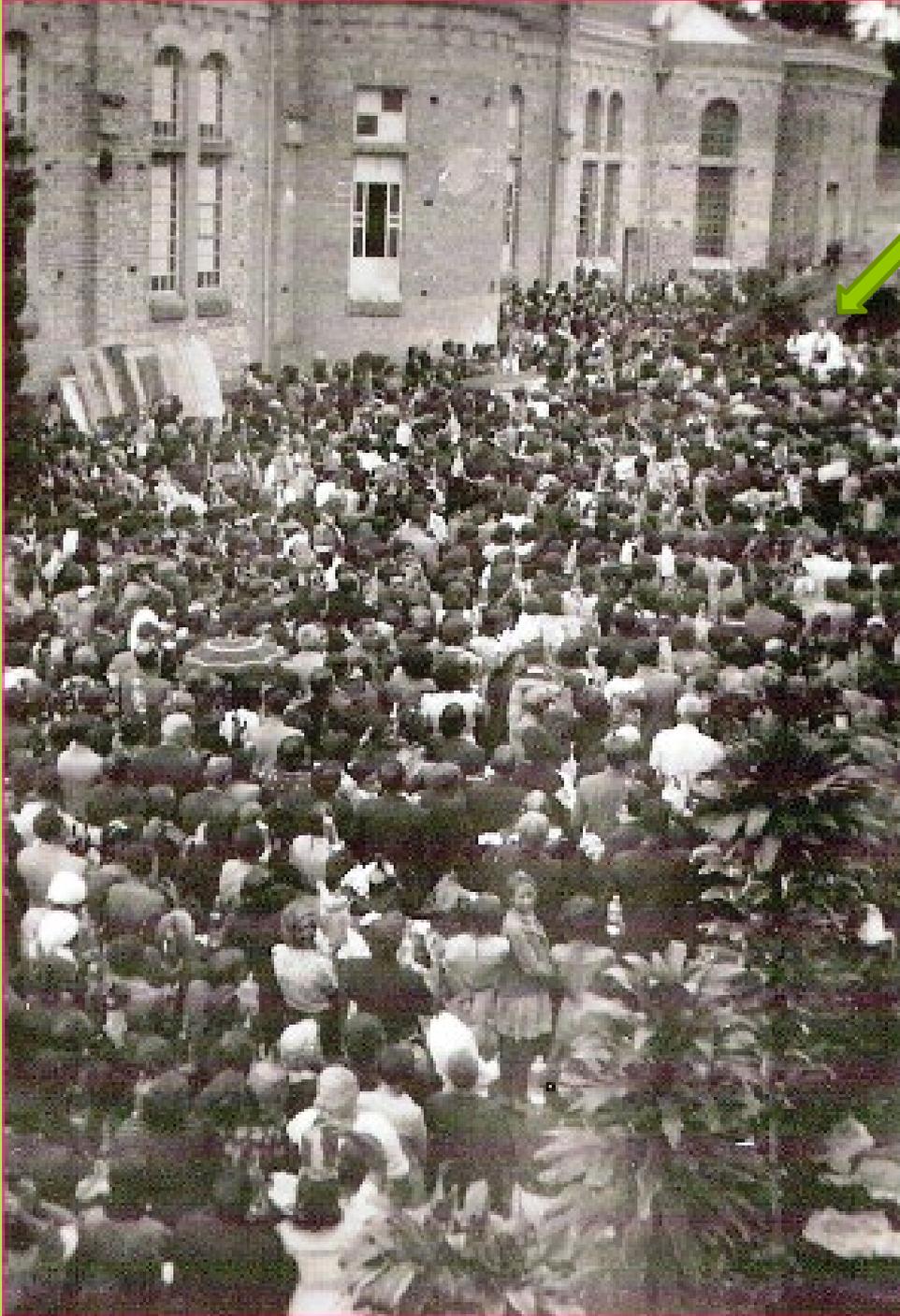
Other ssc arrived in their support. There were also some lay brothers for manual work or attend the sacristy...

Fr. Eustaquio at the SSCC house in Agua Suja

He became very popular and appreciated.



Fr. Gil van den Boogaart wrote to the sister of Eustache in 1931:
“You do not have to worry about your brother, he is a saint. People do not call him Father Eustaquio, but always speak of the Holy Father “.



**In 1935 he receives
obedience to go to
Poá,
near Sao Paulo.**



**The people of the parish
organized themselves to
prevent his departure.
A farewell party takes
place and he must leave
Agua Suja almost
clandestinely.**





On February 15, 1935, Eustaquio and two SSCC Fathers are welcomed with great joy in Poá, a city in the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo. The chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes was made into parish church and Eustaquio was named pastor.



POÁ
(1935-1941)

After months of work he had to take vacation in the Netherlands. On December 24 he arrives at Antwerp (Belgium) and he spent Christmas Day in Ginneken.



The next day he is received solemnly in the parish of Beek en Donk. He was received with all honors in his hometown, even with arches.



**He blessed the marriage of his younger sister Jaantje.
His solicitude also extends to patients who are not family
and to the elderly.**



He went to visit his religious sisters, Sister Faustina and Sister Pacific



He preaches in various parishes, visit monasteries... collects money for the mission...

In July 1936 it's time for his return to Brazil. His family accompanies him to Antwerp where he takes the boat; the Fr. Provincial goes with him to France.

He carries twelve boxes full of material and a good sum of money.



Back in Poá...

The last Sunday of July, 1936, is festively received by his parishioners in Poa

He resumes his ministry and retakes an activity that is always so dear to him: visiting the sick

With the money he brought he started to build a new rectory



He also builds a grotto of the Virgin, where he installed a system for holy water.



Eustaquio brought from Holland a relic of St. Joseph. He touched it to a large piece of fabric, then cut the fabric into pieces. He attached a piece on a card with a prayer.

He had also brought a few bottles with water from Lourdes, to give to the sick. With this Christian weapon, he intended to bring the battle to the “*espiritistas*” on their own ground, because they, in their healing sessions, often practiced water sprays, accompanied by mysterious formulas.



Progressively, he was becoming famous and many people started to come to seek his blessing, his advice and holy water.

A day in Poá...

Each train brings to Poa crowds of pilgrims, who immediately run to the rectory to get a number to have an interview with Fr. Eustaquio. They come from everywhere, from all states of immensely large Brazil. When he celebrates Mass, the church is always full.



After confessing the faithful then he receives the pilgrims in the small parish hall until six o'clock. He eats a piece of bread and some bananas. At eight the door is closed. Pilgrims who have not been received seek somewhere to spend the night. Eustaquio then goes in a large private car to Sao Paulo praying the breviary. Along a predetermined itinerary, he visits and blesses the sick. Back around ten or eleven at night, he rests awhile and reads the newspaper to see what is written about him.

The city is faced with the problem of organizing the pilgrims and properly addressing their needs.



NEWSPAPER HEADLINES (1941)

"There is a priest in Poa that works miracles!"

"The holy Father of Poa continues to work miracles"

"The Saint of Poa pursued by his popularity"

HA UM PADRE EM POA OS MILAGRES!
FAZENDO MILAGRES! AO S

O maior
do Santo

Legiões de enfermos de todo o Brasil
em busca da água milagrosa de Poá

O padre Constantino fez a criança
muda falar e o paralisico andar.

A gratidão
dos doentes que se curam por milagre

"Meu filho, jogue fora essas muletas!"

ROMEIRO DE TODAS AS PARTES
PROCURAM A FONTE DOS MILAGRES

SALVO DA
pelo Santo

O venerando Padre, O Sr. Leônidas de São Paulo,
cuja filha um insecto dentro do pulmão
deve perder todas as esperanças,
suscitando, Elle, bençãos e curas
de milhares de doentes.

O medico
pelo Santo

Os proprios medicos
procuram o Santo de Poá

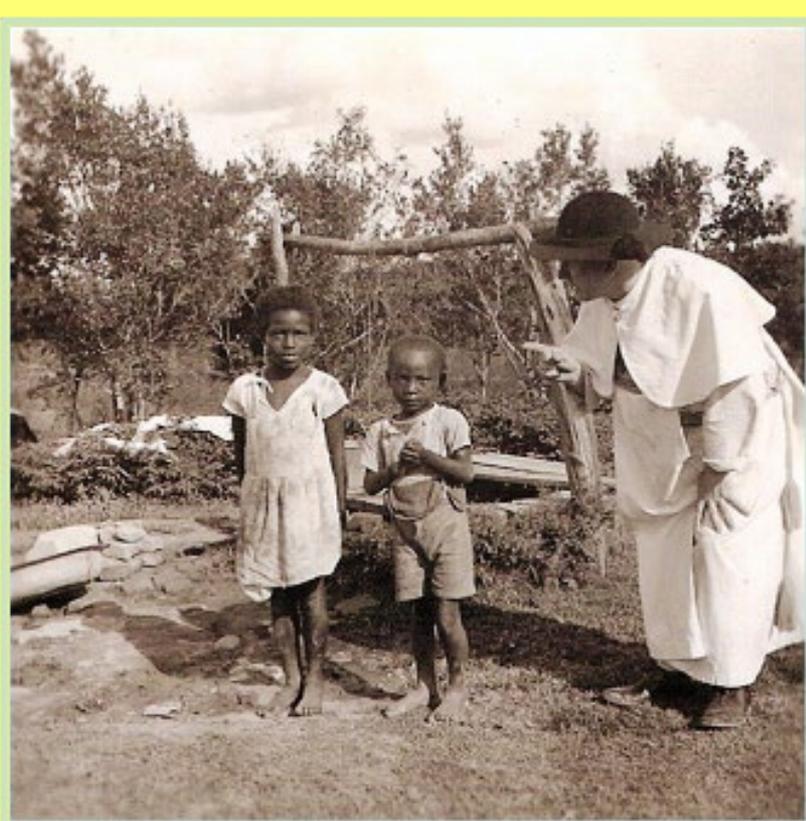
Tudo aqui no mundo e no futuro e prospera graças
de um doente ao qual foi feita pelo Padre Constantino
Cura de paralisia nos braços e a carência com

O PADRE SANTO POVO
DE NOVO EM POA! QUER A VOLTA

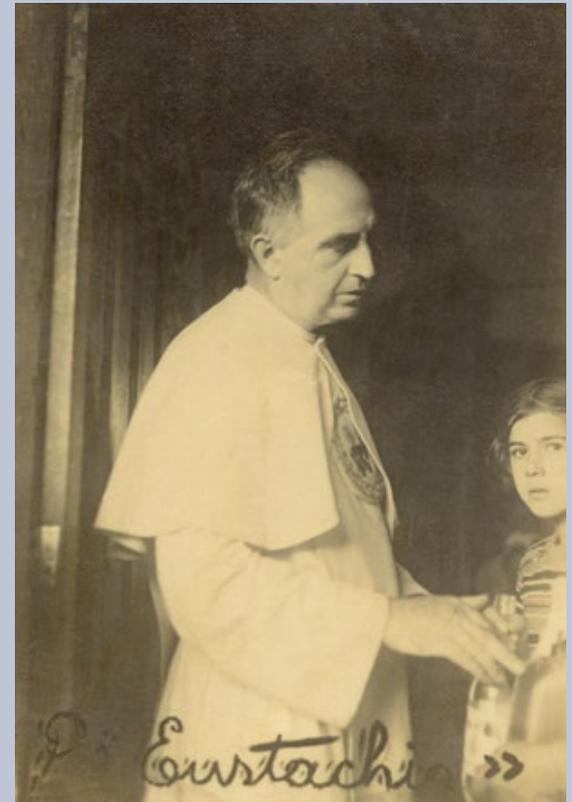
Palpitantes revelações lidas a -A Platéia- a vizinha localidade está
deserta e com cada-
do Santo em milagres de renouando sacerdotes de Padre Constantino



NA DE RETRALTE IN PO'A 1941.



Given the problems created and the pressures applied, the Provincial decided to take Eustaquio out of Poá. Eustaquio obeyed immediately, leaving discreetly Poa on May 13, 1941 to go to the State of Minas Gerais to the houses of the Congregation.



But whether in Mogi das Cruzes, Campos do Jordao, Campinas, Uberaba, Patrocinio, or Araguari ... immediately people recognized him and flocked to him.





After spending a month in the interior area, he returned to Sao Paulo, to the neighborhood of Villa Prudente.

Then he was sent to Rio de Janeiro. On July 1, early in the morning, Fr. Eustaquio and Fr. Gil arrived in Rio. In the afternoon Cardinal Leme received them. The prelate asked that, if possible, to keep secret Eustaquio's presence to prevent any flood of people. But soon his presence became known, and the belief, that thanks to Fr. Eustaquio's prayer, a paralyzed lady has regained mobility... and again madness arrived.



So, the solution found was to send Fr. Eustaquio, under the pseudonym of "Father José", to the property of Sao Jose in Rio Claro, whose owner, Dr. Lineu Machado, was willing to welcome him . (July 9, 1941)

From that place he wrote to Fr. Provincial, in Holland:

Why to be hidden? This is the will of the Nuncio. In recent times some cures have occurred with a blessing that I have given to one or another unhappy sick, and now the people and the clergy persecute me for other cures. You understand that this causes riots. But the biggest fear was that I came suspended, if I do not remain hidden, as I am now provisionally "



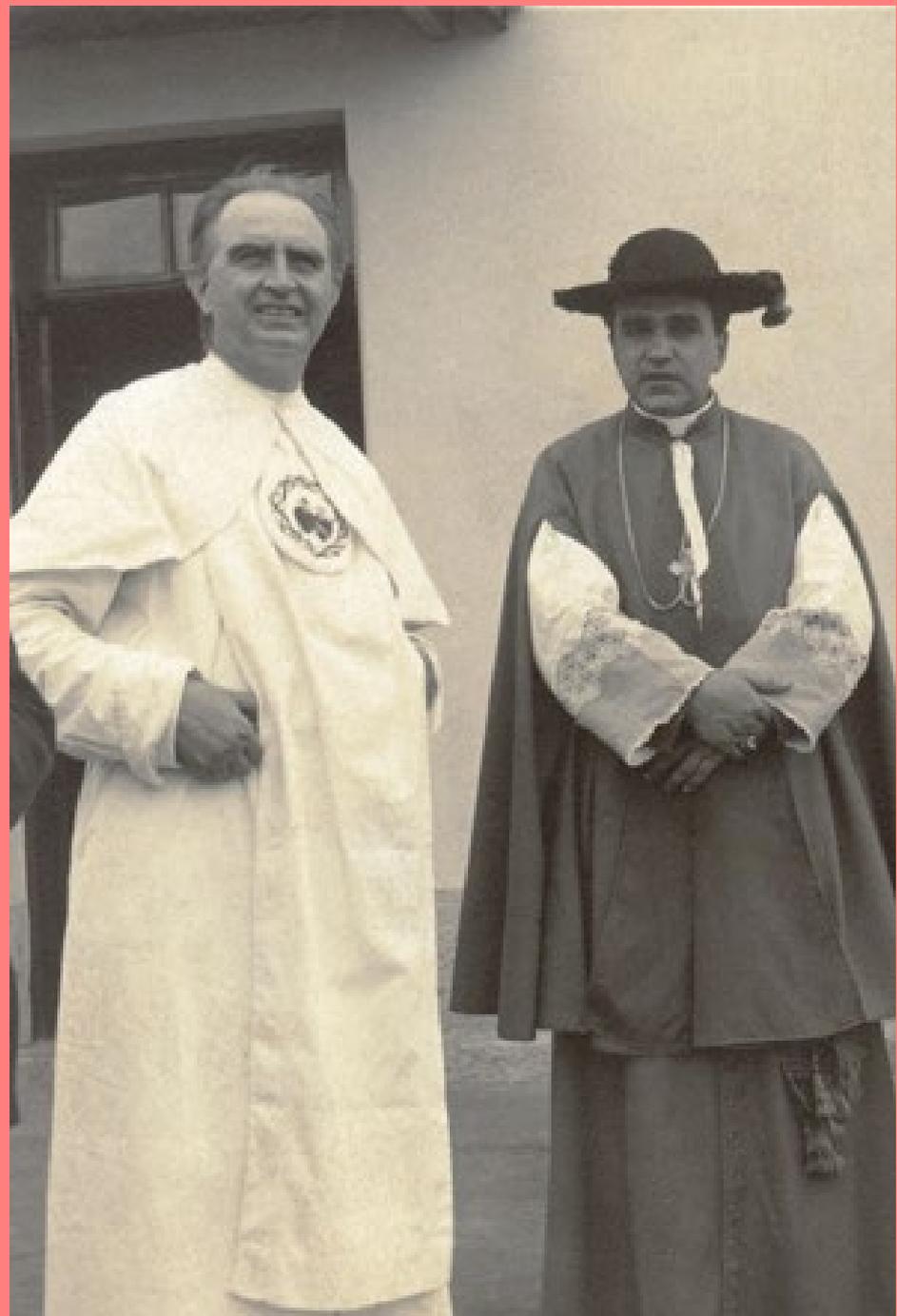
In Patrocínio

Finally, after almost five months, he was sent to **Patrocínio** (Minas Gerais) , where he would begin to exercise the ministry, but with certain restrictions and in accordance with a strict regulation. Fr. Eustaquio fully accepted the obedience, without any reply. He could only say Mass and some confessional ministry in limited hours.

After some time, he was charged with the parish of **Ibiá**, a nearby village, where he was for only four months (enough time to have a hospital half built)

The Archbishop of Belo Horizonte, Mgr. Antonio Cabral, spoke to Father Provincial and offered a parish for Fr. Eustaquio in the city of Belo Horizonte.

On April 2, 1942 he was appointed parish priest of Saint Dominic, a poor area in the growing city.





**Original chapel of
the parish**

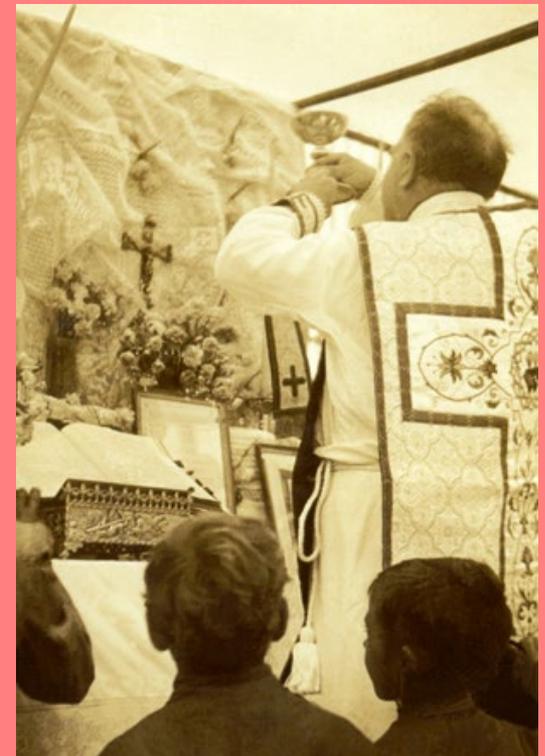
**He began to build a church for
his parish. But here too people
began to come. However in
Belo Horizonte it could
somehow be controlled.**

Current church



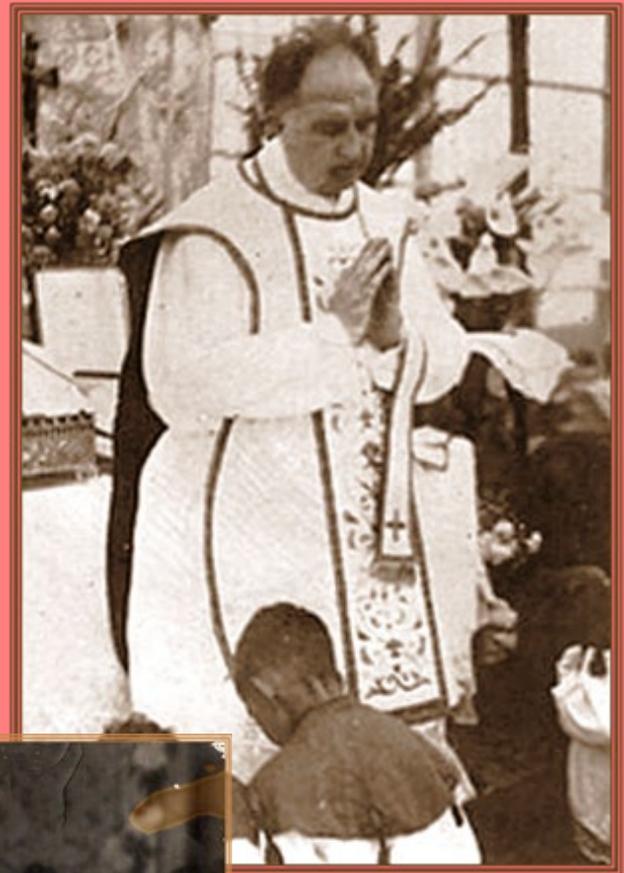


Ministering in Belo Horizonte





**In this
parish, he
worked
just a
year and
5 months
...**



August 18, 1943: he falls ill by the bite of a tick that transmitted exantematic typhus , incurable at that time.

On his deathbed he wanted to see once more his fellow-pioneer and superior Gil van den Boogaart. Once his friend arrived, everything was all right, and Eustaquio could die peacefully.

It was August 30, 1943.

The news spread on the radio; in a few minutes, all the streets surrounding the sanatorium where Fr. Eustaquio died, were made impassable by the volume of people who came.





August 31, 1943



**Fr. Eustaquio's
funeral**





The people of Belo Horizonte, and from other places, who came to the funeral, filled the street leading to the Cemetery of Bonfim for five kilometers. Walking quietly they accompanied him for the last time. Then, for the final stage, his remains were shoulder borne.



**Fr. Eustaquio's
burial.
August 31, 1943**

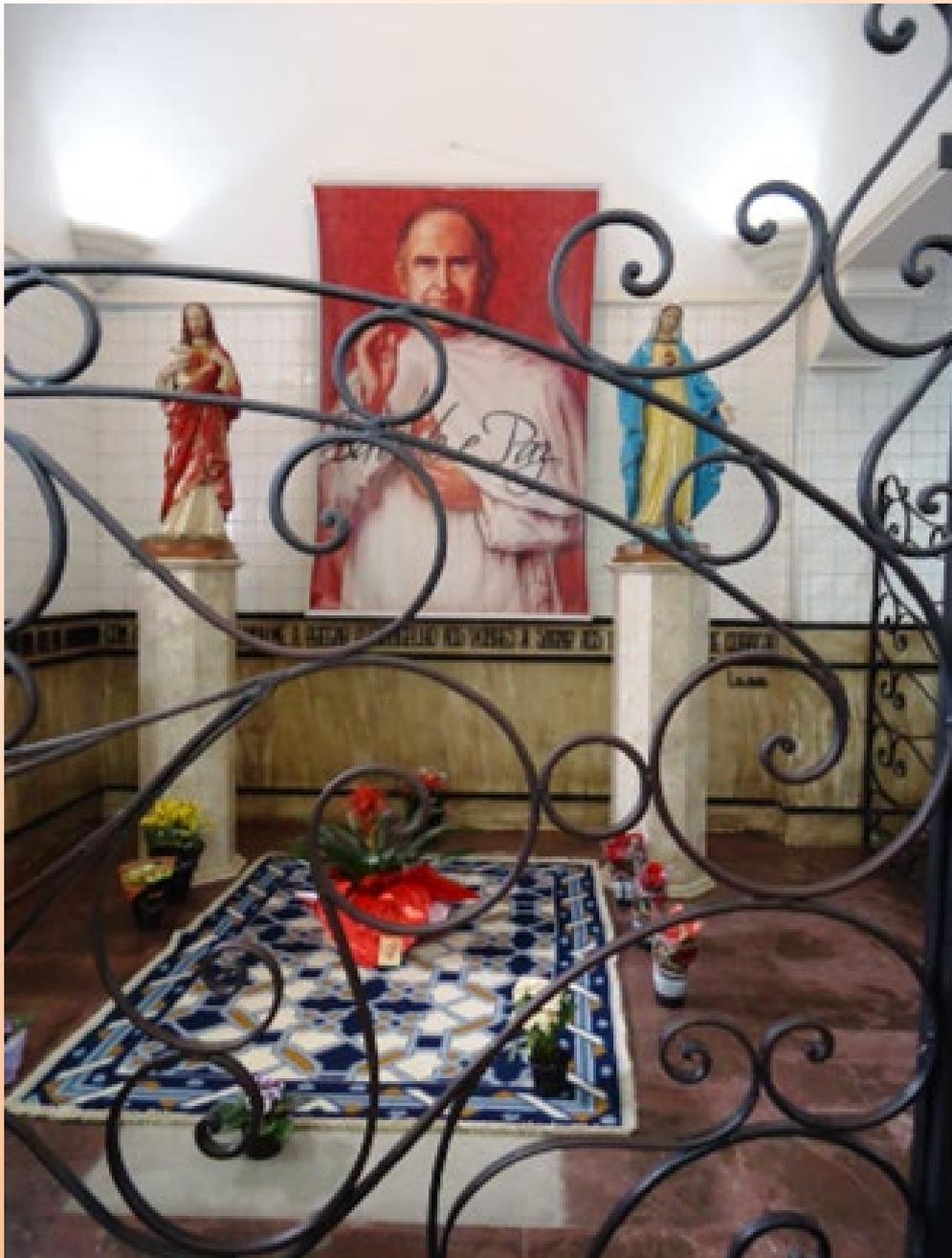


In January 1949, the body of Fr. Eustaquio was exhumed.



**Fr. Eustaquio's
relatives**





Then, with Fr. Eustaquio's church in Belo Horizonte already finished, a resting place in the new church was given to his body.

There also an ever increasing number of people came to pray at his tomb.

**Belo Horizonte June 15, 2006
The Beatification of our brother
Eustaquio van Lieshout scc.
was celebrated with great festivity**

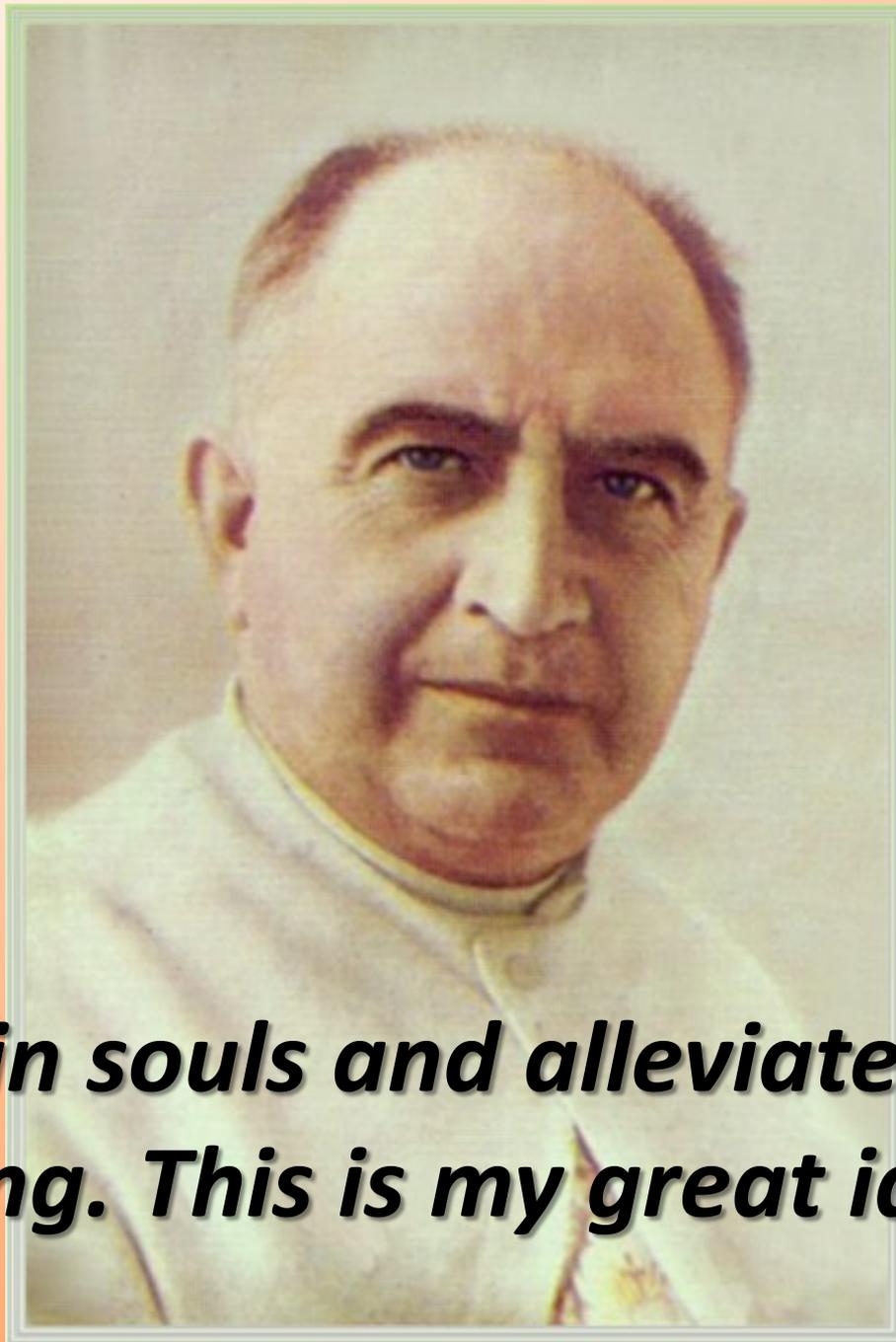




The memorial chapel where his mortal remains lie was erected next to the church of the SSCC, popularly known as "Father Eustaquio church."

The church has been named sanctuary of health and peace.





“To gain souls and alleviate pain and suffering. This is my great ideal”