Br. Daniel Huysmans

He was born at Vlissingen, Holland, April 7th 1884 as Petrus Huysmans whose father was Wilhelmus and mother Joannes Maria. Br. Daniel entered novitiate October 4th 1911 and made profession October 4th 1912. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 14th 1919 and appointed as a teacher in Langeweg.

In 1920, he went to Rome to study Philosophy. After four years he was commissioned to Poland where he was appointed novice master. In 1926 he was appointed as Guardian and 1928 he was made Provincial in Poland. After 10 years in Poland he stayed a little while in Budapest Hungary where he was a lector of Philosophy.

After the war, in 1948 he became a professor of Philosophy at a Diocesan Seminary in Portugal. One year later he was lector in Philosophy in the province of Toulouse, France. In 1950, he was back in Holland. In 1956, at the age of 64 he came to Canada for one year to assist the Belgian and Dutch brothers and then returned to Holland. He spent the rest of his life preaching on the renewal of religious life to both religious sisters and young novices. He was a remarkable Capuchin friar who had friends and acquaintances all over the world. His teachings and life were most fruitful for the Church and the Order.

Br. Daniel died quite suddenly in the cloister of Nijmegen on the 7th of June 1973 at the age of 88 and was buried in the cloister cemetery at Grave-Velp.

BR DANIEL HUYSMANS
07 April 1884 – 7 June 1973

Rest in Peace