

*“Heal the sick and
proclaim the gospel”
(Lk 10,9)*



Father Stefan Gruber **Camillian**



On Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the age of 89, comforted by the sacraments of faith, Fr. Stefan Gruber fell asleep in the peace of the Lord.

The funeral will take place at the Ober St. Veit Cemetery, Vienna, Gemeindeberggasse 26, on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Afterwards we will celebrate the Requiem in the Klosterkirche, in Vienna, Leistungsheimstrasse 72. A memorial celebration will also take place in Salzburg at a later date.

Father Stefan Gruber was born on October 23, 1932 in St. Johann, Diocese of Győr, Hungary.

On January 9, 1947, he entered the Camillian seminary in Hilariberg, Kramsach, Tyrol, where he began his novitiate on December 7, 1950.

On December 8, 1951 he made his temporary religious profession. After completing his philosophical-theological studies in the Camillian community of Hilariberg, he continued his theological studies in Münster/Westphalia in 1953. In 1954 Fr. Gruber made his solemn religious profession and was consecrated a priest on June 29, 1957 in Eisenstadt.

He began his Camillian ministry as a chaplain to the sick on September 1, 1957 at Rudolfspital in Vienna. From 1962 to 1972, he held various positions and ministries in communities in Vienna, Losensteinleiten and the Hilariberg community.

In 1972 he was transferred to Salzburg, where he became superior and since September 1, 1973 pastor of the parish of St. Johannes at the Salzburg Regional Hospital.

It was always particularly important for him to break new ground in pastoral care.

In 1985, pastoral care teams were established at the Salzburg Regional Hospital, involving health care workers and volunteers, and the accompanying nursing education course was also established, which Fr. Gruber directed from 1985 to 1995.

From 1973 to 1998, Fr. Gruber also directed the office dealing with the pastoral care of the sick, blind and handicapped in the Archdiocese of Salzburg.

In addition to his pastoral work in Salzburg, Fr. Gruber was also provincial superior of the Austrian province for a three-year period (1974-1977) and then a member of the provincial council until the end of his life.

He lived his consecration with a lifestyle characterized by humility, simplicity and a sense of gratitude.

He was a man of prayer and a fervent devotee of the Mother of God.

He was able to win many hearts through his very 'human' character and ministerial traits.

The Camillian Order is grateful to the Lord for his testimony and loyalty.

*Let us remember him in our prayers!
Camillian Community of Salzburg*