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### **Biography of Death Notice N. 30**

The Region of Austria-Germany recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **Franz KETTER**, priest, of the Haus Chaminade Community of Greisinghof, Tragwein, Austria, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 4, 2022, in Rainbach im Mühlkreis, Austria at the age of 83 with 62 years of religious profession.

Franz Ketter was born on October 1, 1938 in St. Florian/Inn in the parish of Taufkirchen/Pram. His parents, Felix and Agnes, ran a farm and had six sons. But the father died in 1943 and two of the sons in 1944 and 1945. So his mother conscientiously ran the farm for many years.

Franz attended elementary school in Taufkirchen and middle school in Schärding. In 1953 he began his training as a teacher in Linz in the Diocesan Teachers' Academy. After graduating from high school he entered the Marianist

novitiate at Greisinghof. He professed first vows on September 2, 1959. He then became a teacher and prefect of boarding students at the Marianum in Freistadt, and then from 1960 worked as a prefect in the Salesianum dormitory in Linz. While there he began his study of theology. On July 21, 1963, he professed perpetual vows in the Society of Mary.

From 1964-1968 he attended the Marianist international Seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, and studied theology at the university there graduating with a licentiate. He was most appreciative of the encounter there with fellow brothers from all over the world. Bishop Franz Zauner ordained him a priest in 1968 in his home parish of Taufkirchen.

Franz was then a professor of religion at the secondary school of the diocese of Linz, and for many years served as a prefect in the Salesianum dormitory. From 1987 he also headed the secondary school. The development of the secondary school was very important to him. The school offers approximately 450 students various different types of programs. The most wellknown is the music program, whose reputation has spread far beyond the borders of the country due to its outstanding achievements.

For many years Franz served as a member of the provincial council, worked as a novice master and attended several general chapters as a delegate from the Austrian Unit.

Fr. Franz Ketter retired as head of the school on September 1, 2003. On weekends and during vacation periods he worked in various parishes. He was now able to devote himself entirely to his job as pastor of the parish of St. Veit im Mühlkreis.

In recent years, he found a new home with the Franciscan Sisters in the St. Elizabeth Retirement Home in Rainbach im Mühlkreis where he felt very secure. On August 4, 2022 he passed to his eternal reward.

May he rest in peace!