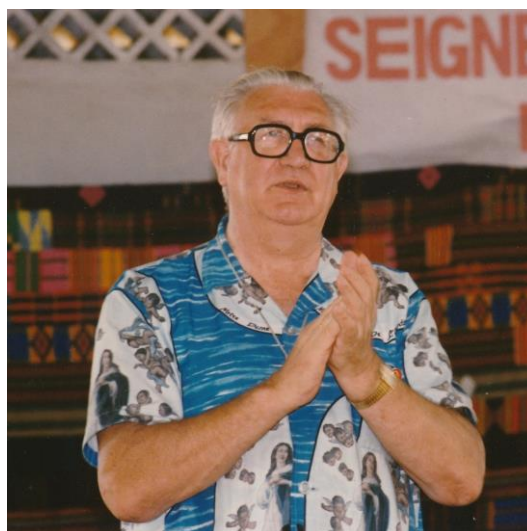


## Raymond Halter (1925-1998)

A spiritual experience marked the life of Raymond, Halter : la grace of life in the Holy Spirit. After his first vows in 1942 and his ordination on July 14, 1957, Raymond took on various missions. He became chaplain to the students of Bordeaux in 1964. A car accident in 1972, in which he became almost blind, forced him to reduce his activities and take more time for prayer. The ecumenical group of about thirty students with whom he shared the Word of God every week wanted to go further and pray together. The spiritual experience occurred on the weekend of January 6 and 7, 1973. The theme for the weekend was: "The Holy Spirit certifies in our hearts that we are children of God." (Rm.8:15-17). During a time of prayer in the evening, the charisms began to manifest themselves and Raymond began to live a true conversion although he was not acquainted at that time with the Charismatic Renewal. He would only discover this movement a few months later.

In 1979, the Provincial put Raymond at the service of the Charismatic Renewal for training in inner healing. Thus, he led numerous sessions in France, trained and intervened in Canada, and was invited to several African countries. Little by little, he received the gifts of healing and liberation, which he exercised in retreats and large charismatic assemblies.



It is as a Marianist that he devoted himself totally to this mission. It was with Mary that he led retreats of inner healing. In 1989, at the National Marian Shrine of Abidjan, he proposed, with the community of that location, the consecration to Mary.

Let us give thanks for Raymond Halter. Let us not hesitate to ask for graces through his intercession, we hope that soon the diocesan process for the introduction of his cause will begin.

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