DILLENSCHNEIDER Clément

Was born in Dabo in the diocese of Metz on 2nd November 1890. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Attert, Belgium, on 8th September 1911. After studies in Echternach, interrupted by World War I, he was ordained in Trier on 2nd June 1917. From 1919 to 1921 he studied theology in Fribourg and then until 1958 taught in

the studendate of the Strasbourg province. Devoted to study all his life, he specialised in Mariology, no doubt moved to a considerable extent by the cure of his own sister, which he attributed to Our Lady of Lourdes. He was an outstanding exponent of the Marian doctrine of St. Alphonsus. His wide experience of retreats to seminarians and clergy found expression in his writings on the priesthood. He was a distinguished member of the French Society of Marian Studies from its inauguration. A few years before his death he was honoured by the French Government as Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. Father

Dillenschneider died among the students of the Strasbourg province in Ostwald on 5th February 1969.

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