

**FATHER PETER RINALDI  
- AN OBITUARY POSTSCRIPT**

Further to Father Rinaldi's obituary as published in the last Newsletter, additional information has been kindly sent by Fr. John Masiello, present pastor at Corpus Christi, Port Chester, New York, the parish church which Father Rinaldi served first as assistant, then as full pastor for some 45 years. Father Rinaldi was born to Filippo and Ernestina Boccolatte Rinaldi on June 5, 1910. He was professed as a priest August 5, 1927, ordained on July 7, 1935, and died February 28, 1993. He is survived by two sisters, Salesian Sister Philamena Rinaldi and Filippina Rinaldi Mortara, both of Italy, and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews in New Jersey, Florida and Italy.

In his letter sent on May 31, Fr. Masiello also writes: Father [Rinaldi] left us on February 1st in a very weak condition after suffering a T.A. just a few days before he left the U.S.A. It was a passing minor stroke. Father was determined to be in Italy to help set up a Symposium in Italy. I felt he was not coming back, and I think he knew it also, since he put everything in order. He wanted to die in Italy and be buried in his home town. God granted him his wish. ... We plan to build an Educational Center and Library and name the building after him. A room in the Library will serve as a museum containing Father's memorabilia.'

According to a report in Port Chester's local newspaper (kindly sent by Charles Parlato), donations to the Rinaldi memorial have so far been 'slow and low'. But this seems largely to have been because few people have been aware of the exact nature of the project, which is a \$1.2 million wing on the Corpus Christi church's elementary school, supplying a much-needed library and classroom space for the school's 365 students. BSTS; members wishing to, make a donation, as a mark of their appreciation for Fr. Rinaldi's life, should send these to the Fr. Rinaldi Memorial Fund, c/o Fr. John Masiello, Corpus Christi Church, 136 South Regent St., Port Chester, New York 10573, U.S.A.