

Biography

15 June 1915

- Emanuel Hanquet was born at Liege the youngest of a family of 15 children

- After three years at the Daughters of the Cross School he underwent secondary education at St Servais College. He also joined 20th Liege Scouts.

1932-34

- Read Law at Liege University

1934

- Entered the Seminary of S.A.M. (Société Auxiliaire des Missions) at Leuven which was a centre of Theology for the Jesuits.

06 February 1938

- ordained a priest at Liege by Bishop Kerkhofs

20 November 1938

- Left for China via Italy and France.

20 December 1938

- embarked at Marseille on the ss Felix Roussel

20 January 1939

- arrived at Shanghai. After a short journey to Tianjin, visited Haimen the beginning of February 1939,. Studied Chinese at the American Protestant Hua Wen School Beijing until July 1939.

10 July 1939

- left on a months journey for Hungtung (Shanxi Province). Appointed to the secretariat of the Bishop of Hungtung as a teacher, priest and bursar.

08 December 1941

- Imprisoned for four months by the Japanese.

April 1942

Allowed to return to missionary duties as a priest in Hungtung

13 March 1943

- interned in Weihsien (now Weifang Shandong Province) Camp until 17 October 1945. the camp had been liberated two months earlier by American Parachutists. Went to Beijing to recover.

December 1945

- Returned to Hungtung (Shortages, poverty, near starvation)

January 1946

- Joined UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) for two years in a succession of posts Field surveyor, Distribution Officer, Chief Distribution Officer in four Northern provinces (Hebei, Shandong, Shanxi and Chahar (Inner Mongolia) Negotiated with the Communist guerrilla forces under Dine Xiao Ping the means of distributing relief supplies.

10 December 1947

- Left Shanghai for a four month voyage on the Sir John Franklin. (visiting Korea, Japan, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Aden, Djibouti, Haifa, Alexandrie, Genoa) Arrived home at Easter 1948.

1948-1988

- Purser of S.A.M. and Director of V Lebbe Centre (1950-1952)

1950- 1986

- Chaplain of the Lone scouts in Brussels

July 1993

- Brotherhood of "la rue des Buissons" at Louvain-la-Neuve

- Fr Hanquet visited China in September 1981, May and November 1991 and May and June 1994.