"I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)

We announce to all confreres, relatives and friends that

R. D. Doc. PhDr. Ing. Miloš RABAN, Th.D.,

Priest of the Diocese of Litoměřice, Parish Priest in Raspenava and Administrator Excurrendo in Hejnice and Mníšek u Liberce,

died after a grave disease in the Regional Hospital in Liberec on January 7, 2011.

He was born as the eldest of three children in Kryštofovo Údolí u Liberce on June 20, 1948. He passed the leaving exam at the Secondary Grammar School in Jičín and studied Systems Engineering at the Technical University in Prague. Afterwards he worked for the Research Institute of Safety at Work until 1977. On Cardinal František Tomášek's recommendation he left for Italy in the same year. He studied Theology and Philosophy at the Lateran University in Rome and received a doctorate from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Having a special papal permission, he was ordained a priest in the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome on November 9, 1985 and incardinated in the Diocese of Litoměřice. He worked in Frankfurt am Main from 1985 to 1990. In 1990 he was asked by the Bishop Josef Koukl to return to his native Diocese. He served as a priest in Raspenava and Hejnice from September 1990 until his death.

Thanks to his immense endeavours, the former Franciscan monastery in Hejnice was renovated and there was opened the International Centre for Spiritual Rehabilitation at the beginning of 2001; he was appointed as its Director.

He taught at the Technical University in Liberec from 1995 and was Dean of the Faculty of Life Science, Humanities and Pedagogy from 2005 to 2008. At the same time he taught at the University in Hradec Králové. For many years he was in charge of the Czech Association for Catholic Theology as its President. He worked as a Secretary to the Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Church in the Czech Republic in the years 1996 – 2003. He was a member of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem for a number of years.

In the Diocese of Litoměřice he was Episcopal Vicar for Church Schools and Education and a member of the Presbyteral Council and the College of Consultors.

Mons. Jan Baxant, Bishop of Litoměřice, will celebrate a Requiem Mass in the Basilica of the Visitation of Our Lady in Hejnice **on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.** Afterwards the body of the departed will be buried in the Basilica in Hejnice.

Requiescat in pace!

Mons. Jan Baxant, Bishop of Litoměřice, priests and deacons of the Diocese of Litoměřice, pastoral assistants and the staff of the International Centre for Spiritual Rehabilitation in Hejnice, relatives of the departed