



PÈRE JACQUES DE JÉSUS  
LUCIEN BUNEL  
(1900 - 1945)

Born on January 29, 1900, Lucien Bunel was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rouen in 1925. He entered the Order of Discalced Carmelites in 1931 and received the name Father Jacques of Jesus. He founded and directed the Petit-Collège of Avon. Having joined the Resistance, he was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944 for hiding Jewish children. He died on June 2, 1945, as a result of his deportation to the Gusen/Mauthausen concentration camp. His story inspired Louis Malle's film *Au revoir les enfants*. He was awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel on June 9, 1985.

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### **Prayer for the Beatification of Père Jacques**

O God, our Father, infinitely good,  
you implanted deep within Père Jacques de Jésus  
an eagerness to love you and to love all people  
with his whole heart.

You endowed him with special gifts for the education of  
youth; you chose him to be a priest,

You called him to the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

In the inhuman degradation of the concentration camps,

You made him a living witness of faith and love,

Until he had poured himself out completely.

O Father grant me the graces I ask of you  
through the intercession of Père Jacques and, if it be your  
will, make him a saint within your Church

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

with the permission of V. Rev. Jean-Yves Nahmias, Bishop of Meaux

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