

In Deo

Ignatius Purwana Surahna

Bro. Purwana



Bro. Purwana was born on 2 January 1939 in Solo/Surakarta, Indonesia as the first of eight children. He made his first profession on 8 December 1970. He died on 7 January 2022 in Semarang, Indonesia.

As a child, Bro. Purwana wanted to be a policeman. But God led him to a different kind of life. After completing Pangudi Luhur St. Yosef Surakarta High School in 1961, he studied Cultural History at the Sanata Dharma University of Yogyakarta. Then, after three years as a teacher, Bro. Purwana felt the call to become a Brother in FIC. In 1967 he started his first formation. He made his first vows in 1970, then became a teacher at SMP Pangudi Luhur Yogyakarta. Later, he was director of the Pangudi Luhur Junior High School in Wedi, Klaten from 1975.

Bro. Purwana's apostolate was mainly in schools, both as a teacher and a manager. Before he retired, his last job was as director of the Pangudi Luhur Junior High School in Sukaraja from 1994 to 1995.

After his retirement, he did household tasks in his communities in Surakarta, Randusari Semarang, and Syalom Retreat House in Bandungan. In 2008, Bro. Purwana joined the community of elder Brothers of Wisma Bernardus Semarang. This community prays for the other Brothers in the congregation. Beside that, he continued doing household task.

In his old age, Bro. Purwana's health was often less stable. He had heart problems and had to be taken into hospital several times at the Elisabeth hospital in Semarang. On 20 June 2018, Bro. Purwana suffered a stroke. He was taken to the hospital. When he came back home he could no longer walk. His fellow Brothers in Wisma Bernardus community helped him to stay involved in the daily activities of the community from his wheelchair.

Bro. Ignatius Purwana was a gentle person, caring for his fellow Brothers. He had been brought up in the court town of Solo/Surakarta and he was always very polite and valued good manners. He had a very good memory and even after his stroke he always knew the names of all his fellow Brothers. He truly cared about them.

In the evening of 25 December 2021 Bro. Purwana's health condition deteriorated. He had trouble breathing and he was sent to the hospital where they put him in intensive care. On Friday 8 January 2022, a week after his 83rd Birthday, Bro. Ignatius Purwana Surahna went to his Father in heaven.

Now rest in perfect Peace dear Bro. Purwana. We will always remember the care and tenderness of your heart. Pray for us who remain behind in this world.



Above: Muntilan 1968, novices and newly professed Brothers. Ignatius Purwana, Alb. Magnus Soegijat, Tarcisius Sugeng, Joanes Warisa; Antonius Marsudi, Aloysius Sutiarto, Pius Slamet



Above: Muntilan, 1971, novices working in the garden. Here, Nicolaas Prasadja and Ignatius Purwana

Below: 1990, Yogyakarta/Sedaya. Ignatius Purwana and Simeon Darmono in front of the community house



Below: 1991, Bro. Purwana teaching at Surakarta/Solo

