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After 18 days of fighting Covid-19, Father Roberto Singelyn, parish vicar of Nossa Senhora de Lourdes, died in the morning of this Tuesday (16) in the neighborhood of Nova Descoberta, in the North Zone of Recife. The priest was 86 years old, a native of Detroit, in the United States, and had worked in Brazil since 1969.

In a note of regret, released by the Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife, Dom Fernando Saburido offered condolences for the priest's death, saying that he was a good and faithful servant". Father Roberto was admitted to the Hospital Maria Lucinda, in Parnamirim. According to the Archdiocese, he was accompanied by the Sisters of Charity and the pastor of Nova Descoberta, Father Jurandir Dias.

"Father Roberto was a great brother. Playful, lively, available and with an immense heart. It served in silence and simplicity. He left a recognized example of life, which teaches us all. Our good old man went to live in heaven," said Father Jurandir with affection.

The Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife, with great regret, regrets the death of Father Roberto Kling Singelyn, after a period of hospitalization, with complications caused by Covid-19.

Father Roberto Singelyn was born on April 7, 1935, in Detroit (USA). He was ordained an elder in 1960 in Detroit. In 1969, through an agreement between the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife, he came to work in Brazil, at Nossa Senhora de Lourdes Parish, in Nova Descoberta, Recife, where he held the office of Parish Administrator until 2006.

From 2006 to 2015 he exercised his pastoral service at the São Lourenço Mártir Parish, in São Lourenço da Mata. In 2016, he resumed his priestly ministry at the Nossa Senhora de Lourdes Parish of Nova Descoberta, his parish at heart, until the beginning of his illness.

We are grateful for the dedication in the service of the Kingdom of God, especially to the poor, who have always been in the heart of Father Roberto Singelyn, a good and faithful servant who now enters the joy of his Lord. Rest in peace.