A life dedicated United Church of Rome and Romanian Nation - Priest and teacher - Dr. Aurel Leluțiu

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The priest Aurel Leluțiu, born on the 21st of April 1914 in Olteț - Făgăraș, was the fourth son of the family Alexandru and Maria Leluțiu.

His father died in the First World War; therefore his uncle, Captain Alexandru Leluțiu, took care of him afterwards.
He attended high-school at Orăştie and then at Sibiu. Having recently obtained the baccalaureate degree, in 1931, at 18 years old, he was sent to Rome, where he studied for nine years.
His great friend, Alexandru Todea, the future cardinal, would find him there in two years (1934) and would leave him in 1940, while Aurel Leluţiu would remain one more year, obtaining two doctorates – one in Byzantine Theology, the other in Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences, both acquired with maximum degree "magna cum laude probatus".

A photo in Rome
Testimonium of Ph.D. Certificate
The certificate of ordination as priest
Returned in the country, in 1941, he was appointed teacher of Religion at the High-School "Sfântul Vasile cel Mare" (St. Basil the Great”) from Blaj, and the bishop Ioan Suciu appointed him professor of Moral Philosophy at the Theological Academy from Blaj.

When, in January 1945, the vicar of Târgu Mureș, Iosif Pop, needed teachers at the High-School "Papiu Ilarian", the priest Aurel Leluțiu promptly arrived there, serving the restoration of the Romanian education.
Before 1948, the priest prof. Ph.D Aurel Leluțiu was also appointed spiritual director of God’s Mother Congregation Community from Blaj. Nevertheless, during the same year, as a consequence of the United Church’s dissolution, he was arrested together with the group of nuns and led to the Monastery of Obreja (in the neighbourhood of Blaj).
Through a combination of circumstances, he escaped and hid until 1951, when he was arrested, brought to Bucharest, to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, judged and given life sentence by the Military Court of Bucharest, a sentence commuted thereafter to 25 years, whereof he executed 14.

In the release note from the Prison of Gherla, no. 3950 from 31 VII. 1964, there is specified he was condemned for "conspiracy crime", through the sentence no. 396/1952.

He passed through the prisons of Jilava, Sighet, Râmnicu Sărat, Pitești and Gherla
Pictures taken after he leaving the prison
The release ticket from Prison Gherla
Returned home, he settled in Blaj, where he daily officiated the Holy Mass, with the participation of a great number of believers, despite the very severe surveillance of the Security, and he was the confessor of many intellectual families.

After the release from prisons, he settled at Blaj, but simultaneously activated at Olteț and in Bucharest, being the superior of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart.
Priest and teacher of the United Church and son of the Romanian nation, which he served with dignity in the crucial moments of his history, the priest Aurel Leluțiu died in Blaj station on the 23rd of December 1980.

A photo with the ticket from station of Liberty (Freedom) Plain
The conception of the parent Aurel Leluțiu, on the human being and his purpose is expressed in the article "Supreme Dignity" that he published in the newspaper "Unirea" from Blaj (23rd of January 1943): "Matter is something, spirit is someone.

And, as in the human life, spirit or matter prevails, so the human being is someone or something is a person or a thing ...

“The human being’s supreme dignity consists in love..."
Thank you for your attention!

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