In Memoriam

Vincent Dirienzo, O.P.



19 February 2025

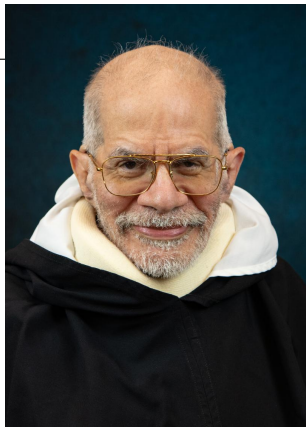
Vincent Dirienzo, Jr. was born on December 8, 1927, to Elizabeth (Wernig) and Vincent Dirienzo in Madison, Wisconsin. He was baptized at Blessed Sacrament Parish, where he attended grade school from 1932 to 1940. He then went to Madison West High School, graduating in 1945. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a degree in chemical engineering in 1950. Following graduation, Vince served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952, working on chemical weaponry. He achieved the rank of Private First Class and was honorably discharged in October 1952. After his military service, he returned to Madison, where he joined his twin brothers and father as a building contractor.

In 1962, Vince discerned a vocation to life as a Dominican cooperator brother and entered the novitiate at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois. He received the habit on March 10, 1963, and the religious name of Ignatius. On March 11, 1964, he professed first vows at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest in the hands of Fr. John Gerard O'Connell, O.P. In 1968, he was assigned to St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he also made his solemn profession on March 11, 1970, in the hands of Fr. Richard Weber, O.P. There, he served as Director of Buildings and Grounds. In 1980, Br. Vince was reassigned to his home parish of Blessed Sacrament in Madison and continued his ministry as the plant manager for the parish and school. He remained there for over forty years, deeply involved in the life of the parish community. He felt a strong concern for those often overlooked by society and was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, working to support local families in need. He became subprior in 1993, one of the first cooperator brothers to hold a leadership position in the community.

Due to declining health, he moved to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago in September 2022. He passed away on February 19, 2025, at Ascension Resurrection Life Center after a long bout with pneumonia. Br. Vince was known for his quiet and steady presence. He had a special interest in the intersection of faith and science and remained intellectually curious throughout his life. Although an introvert by nature, Br. Vince had a dry wit and keen insights and is remembered for his quiet dedication, humility, and steadfast service.

Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish on February 26, 2025. Rev. Donald Goergen, O.P., presided and Rev. Samuel Hakeem, O.P., preached. Br. Edward van Merrienboer, O.P., gave a moving reflection of his 67 years of friendship with Br. Vince before the Mass and presided over burial services at Resurrection Cemetery, Madison, where Br. Vince was laid to rest on February 28, 2025.

Michael Augustine Dominic Garcia, O.P.



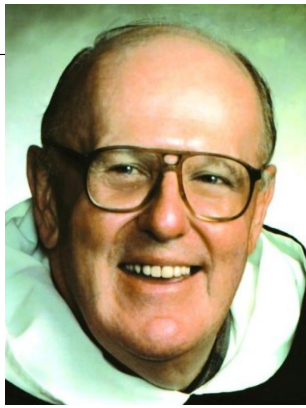
29 January 2025

Michael Augustine Garcia was born August 8, 1952, to Miguel and Mercedes (Rodriguez) Garcia at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Illinois, the first of eight children. Due to his father's service in the Air Force, Michael went to various schools around the country. In 1970, he graduated as class valedictorian from Antonian High School in San Antonio, Texas. He obtained a BA in Architecture from Rice University in 1974. He then moved to Denver and obtained a job in city planning. Michael entered the Dominican Novitiate on October 1, 1976, at St. Rose Priory in Dubuque, Iowa. On October 8, 1977, he professed first vows at St. Rose Priory in the hands of Very Rev. Damian C. Fandal, O.P. and began studies for the priesthood at Aquinas Institute of Theology (then located at St. Rose Priory). He professed solemn vows on October 11, 1980, in the hands of Fr. Frank C. Quinn, O.P. He earned a Master of Theology in 1981 and a Master of Divinity in 1982. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 2, 1981, by Most Rev. James J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dubuque.

Fr. Michael spent the entirety of his priestly ministry in the Chicago area. His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Pius V Parish from 1982-1984. From 1984-94 he worked with youth in various positions: Hispanic Youth Ministry coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago and as chaplain and theology teacher at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, St. Benedict Parish High School and Marist High School. From 1994-1996, Fr. Garcia completed an MSW at Loyola University Chicago. He was a clinical social worker for Youth Outreach Services in Chicago from 1996-2000, at MacNeal School in Westchester from 2000-2010, and at Comprehensive Clinical Services in Lombard from 2011-2022. Fr. Garcia also worked at St. Frances of Rome and Our Lady of Charity Parishes in Cicero part time from 2013-2016.

In 2017, Fr. Garcia was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. In 2022 he went on Limited Services at St. Pius V Priory. He went to the hospital with pneumonia on January 28, 2025, and declined rapidly overnight. He passed away early on the morning of January 29, 2025, with his prior, Fr. Richard Litzau, at his side. Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish on February 10, 2025. Very Rev. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presided and Very Rev. Richard Litzau, O.P., preached. Fr. Garcia was laid to rest in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Terrence Bullock, O.P.



1 January 2025

Thomas George Bullock was born to Margaret (Farrell) and George Bullock on December 6, 1935, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He had a younger brother, William, and sister, Mary Ellen. Thomas attended St. Mary's Grade School in Elm Grove, Wisconsin from 1941 to 1949 and received his diploma from Pius XI High School in Milwaukee in 1954.

Following completion of high school, Thomas entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother postulant on August 22, 1954. On February 21, 1955, he entered the novitiate where he received the habit from V. Rev. George Kinsella and was given the religious name of Terrence. He remained at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona serving as porter, chauffer, and in maintenance until he professed first vows on February 22, 1956. He was then assigned to St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he served as porter and in maintenance from 1956 to 1959. After St. Rose, he ministered at St. Dominic Priory and Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois, until 1963 where his ministry was as porter, maintenance, chauffer, and assistant syndic. During this assignment, Br. Terrence professed solemn vows in the hands of his prior, V. Rev. William Sherman, on February 22, 1962, at St. Dominic Priory in Oak Park.

From 1963 to 1980 Br. Terrence's ministry was at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish and Priory in River Forest, Illinois. He was playground director, sacristan, director of servers, and in maintenance. From 1980 to 1990, he was a bus driver for Fenwick High School in Oak Park and St. Luke Parish in River Forest. Br. Terrence then returned to the town of his birth and the schools he attended as a youth. At St. Mary School in Elm Grove, he was involved in special projects. At Pius XI in Milwaukee, he was Transportation Coordinator. In 2007, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Pius XI High School.

Br. Terrence retired in 2008 and moved to Blessed Sacrament Priory in Madison, Wisconsin. There he volunteered at Blessed Sacrament School. He played the organ at Durward's Glen Retreat Center in Baraboo twice a week and for summer camps at Camp Gray in Reedsburg. He also volunteered as a train conductor at Little America Amusement Park in Marshall, Wisconsin, and at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom, Wisconsin. Br. Terrence is especially remembered for his love of trains and jolly laughter.

In October of 2021, declining health necessitated his move to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago, Illinois. Br. Terrence suffered a stroke in the summer of 2024 and eventually moved to Generations Care Center for therapy. His condition declined and he was placed on hospice in November of 2024. He passed away at Generations Care Center on January 1, 2025. Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Pius V Parish on January 7, 2025 with Very Rev. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presiding and preaching. Br. Terrence was laid to rest in St Mary's Visitation Cemetery, Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Daniel William Morrissey



20 December 2024

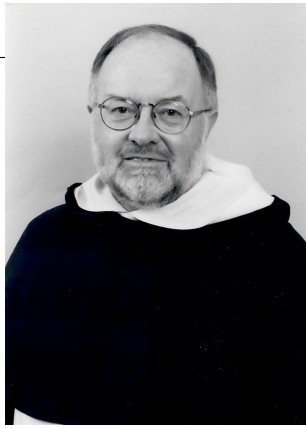
William Powers Morrissey was born an only child to Lewis and Thrascilla (Powers) Morrissey on January 27, 1936, in Madison, Wisconsin. William attended grammar school at St. Sebastian in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received his diploma from Marquette University High School in Milwaukee in 1953. He began undergraduate studies at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. After two years of coursework, William entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. He received the habit on August 30, 1955, and the religious name Daniel. On August 31, 1956, Daniel professed first vows at St. Peter Martyr Priory in the hands of V. Rev. John Marr, OP. From 1956-1959, he was assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois, to study philosophy at Dominican House of Studies. After professing solemn vows in 1959, he was assigned to St. Rose Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he studied theology. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Rose Priory on June 2, 1962, by Most Rev. James Byrne.

After ordination, Fr. Dan was assigned to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago, Illinois, where he worked part-time in the parish and taught theology at St. Xavier College. In 1964, he began advanced studies in Paris. In 1966, he obtained a Diploma of a Master of Religious Education from the Institut Superieur de Pastorale Catechetique and began doctoral work. He completed all required courses and comprehensives. While there, he became involved with diplomatic work through R. Sargent Shriver, US Ambassador to France. In 1970 he moved to New Hampshire for a position as religion instructor and assistant minister at The Phillips Exeter Academy, becoming School Minister in 1971. During the summers, he taught at Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1979, Fr. Dan was appointed Director of the Catholic Center of the Tulane University and Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. The following year he moved to New York where he studied for one year at Columbia University before taking a position at Union Theological Seminary. In 1983, he began working for The Dalton School as their Ethical Education Consultant. After a brief stint at Vista Sandia Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he accepted a position at Columbia Medical School as spiritual director for their students in 1986. He established a program for assisting impaired medical students which gradually expanded to cover issues a broad range of issues (substance abuse, eating disorders, domestic violence, etc.). His work grew to include the School of Dentistry and then the School of Public Health, where he taught as a faculty member. This period was not without controversy as Dan frequently preached in protestant churches, most especially in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Dan continued to rise through the administrative ranks at Columbia, eventually becoming Assistant Vice President of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons while continuing his spiritual chaplaincy to students of various faiths. He served on various national medical boards. The class of 2004 bestowed him with its Distinguished Service Award. He retired in 2008 and moved into the residence of Anne Power Werner, a friend from his time in Paris, in North Hampton, New Hampshire. He attended several provincial assemblies over the next decade. In June of 2024, he moved to assisted living at Webster at Rye in Rye, New Hampshire. He passed away there on December 20, 2024, after a brief bout with cancer.

Kevin Richard Fane, O.P.



7 December 2024

Richard Lee Fane was born August 5, 1942, to Leo and Florence Fane in Dixon, Illinois. He attended elementary school at St. Mary's in Dixon and High School at Dixon Public High and Newman Central Catholic High in Sterling, Illinois, where he received his diploma in 1960. He began undergraduate studies at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. After two years of coursework, Richard entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. He received the habit on August 30, 1963, and received the religious name of Kevin. On August 31, 1963, he professed first vows at St. Peter Martyr Priory in the hands of V. Rev. John Marr, OP. From 1963-1966, he completed his BA in Philosophy at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois. On August 31, 1966, he professed solemn vows in the hands of V. Rev. Gilbert Graham, OP. From 1966-1968, he was assigned to St. Rose Priory in Dubuque to study theology and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Rose Priory on May 24, 1969, by Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich.

Fr. Kevin's first assignment was teaching theology at St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans from 1970-1972. After this, he moved to Minnesota for 10 years, where he served as Parochial Vicar at Holy Rosary Parish in Minneapolis from 1972 until 1977 and then in Campus Ministry at St. Catherine University in St. Paul from 1977 to 1982. He was appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1982. In 1989, he took a yearlong sabbatical before returning to Holy Rosary Parish for two years.

In 1992, Fr. Kevin was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in River Forest where he did pastoral supply work and began into hospital chaplaincy, a ministry he deeply enjoyed for the following three decades. He worked at various hospitals around the Chicago area in the 1990s (St. Francis Hospital

in Evanston, Columbus Hospital in Chicago, St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago). In 2002, he became chaplain at Presence Resurrection Medical Center where he ministered until he entered limited service in 2020 and moved to St. Pius V Priory, Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Kevin was known for his welcoming demeanor and was a joyful brother, especially when sharing endless stories about his hometown of Dixon to his community.

Having been diagnosed previously with Parkinson's, Fr. Kevin moved to Ascension Resurrection Life Center in March of 2021 for better medical care. There his health continued to decline until he was placed on hospice care in the fall of 2024. Fr. Kevin passed away on December 7, 2024.

Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Pius V Parish on December 13, 2024. Very Rev. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presided and Rev. Ed Ruane, O.P., preached. Fr. Fane was laid to rest in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Roberto Arzola Maisonet, O.P.



5 November 2024

Roberto Arzola Maisonet was born to Roberto Arzola Maldonado and Angelina Maisonet on December 19, 1945, in Santurce, Puerto Rico. Roberto attended public grade schools before entering Seminario San Alberto Magno in Bayamón to complete his secondary education. In 1964, he began undergraduate studies at the Bayamón campus of La Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico (now Universidad Central de Bayamón). On August 3, 1966, he entered the Order of Preachers as a novice for Province of the Netherlands to serve in the Vicariate in Puerto Rico. He completed his novitiate in Somerset, Ohio, with the Province of St. Joseph where he received the religious name Innocencius. He professed first vows on December 8, 1967, and began studies for the priesthood at the Studium Generale in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. He soon returned to formation with the Province of St. Joseph in Dover, Massachusetts, and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from St. Stephen's College. He professed solemn vows on December 8, 1970, at St. Stephen's Priory in Dover. He obtained a Master's of Divinity from Weston College School of Theology in June of 1973. He was ordained a priest on February 24, 1974, at Parroquia Invención de la Santa Cruz in Bayamón by Luis Cardenal Aponte Martinez, Archbishop of San Juan.

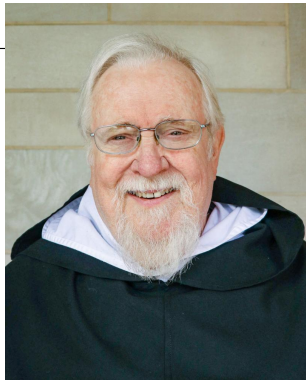
After a few years of pastoral ministry, Fr. Roberto petitioned laicization and spent several years living apart from the Order. The petition was never granted and Fr. Roberto asked to be reintegrated into the Dominican mission in Puerto Rico in 1982. Over the following decades, he served in a variety of ministries in Puerto Rico: high school chaplain at Santa Rosa and Santo Domingo, parochial vicar at multiple parishes (Santísimo Rosario in Yauco, Invención de la Santa Cruz in Bayamón, Santa Catalina in Bayamón), pastor of Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro in Bayamón and Nuestra Señora del Carmen de Cataño, Rector of the Shrine of St. Martin de Porres, Promoter of the Holy Name Society, chaplain to USA Army Forces in Puerto

Rico, etc. The brothers note his skill in pastoral work and preaching.

In addition to his many ministerial assignments, Fr. Roberto served the friars in Puerto Rico through a variety of internal ministries. He was an assistant Master of Novices and assistant Master of Students, a member of the economic council, superior of San Pedro Mártir in Catano, etc. He became a member of the Province of St. Albert the Great when the Dominican mission in Puerto was integrated into said Province in 2020.

Fr. Roberto was diagnosed with Parkinson's and had to move into a nursing home, Hogar Santa Teresa Jornet, in 2021. He passed away on November 5, 2024. Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held in the chapel of Convento de Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario, Bayamón, Puerto Rico, on November 13, 2024. Fr. Maisonet Arzola was laid to rest in Cementario Porta Coeli, Bayamón.

Francis Xavier Dyer, O.P.



26 July 2024

Francis Xavier Dyer was born to Francis and Janann (Lonergan) Dyer on August 16, 1942, in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He had one younger brother, James. Fran attended grammar school at St. Clara in Chicago, Illinois, and St. Eulalia in Maywood, Illinois. He received his diploma from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois, in 1960. He began undergraduate studies at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. After two years of coursework, Fran entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. He received the habit on August 30, 1963, and received the religious name of Athanasius. On August 31, 1963, he professed first vows at St. Peter Martyr Priory in the hands of V. Rev. John Marr, OP. From 1963-1966, he completed his BA in Philosophy at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois. On August 31, 1966, he professed solemn vows in the hands of V. Rev. Gilbert Graham, OP. From 1966-1968, he was assigned to St. Rose Priory in Dubuque to study theology and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Rose Priory on May 24, 1969, by Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich. Over the summers from 1966 to 1970, Fran also worked towards an MBA from Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, which he completed in 1971.

After ordination, Fr. Fran immediately put his business and administration skills to use. He served as the business manager for Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque from 1969 until 1973. He was then appointed treasurer for the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in Oakland, California. Two years later in 1975, he returned to his mother province to serve as economic administrator (provincial syndic) until 1984. He was first appointed to the Order's Economic Council in 1981 on which he served multiple terms. From 1982 to 1985, he also served as Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer in River Forest, Illinois.

After completing his term as economic administrator, Fr. Fran took a sabbatical before he began working for Catholic Computer Services in Richmond, Virginia, as their executive director. When they suspended operations in 1986, he moved to St. Pius Priory in Chicago and began working for Christian Brothers Services in their Medical Benefits department in Romeoville, Illinois. Fr. Fran worked for Christians Brothers in various management positions until 2016. He accumulated an astounding number of frequent flyer miles traveling for them, once taking over a dozen connecting flights on a single-day trip from Alaska down to the Southwest (a story he enjoyed telling over a bowl of soup at St. Pius).

Having lived independently since 1992, Fr. Fran began limited service in 2020 and moved into St. Pius V Priory in Chicago. He served as house syndic and valuable member of the Provincial Economic Council. Even as his health began declining from terminal cancer, Fran continued to pay the bills each day for his community. Fran was committed to maintaining the financial viability of province. He led us to the benefits of Christian Brother Services and the health benefits we now enjoy. He passed away in hospice care at Bowman Center at RUSH University Medical Center on July 26, 2024.

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Iheanyi Enwerem, O.P.



24 July 2024

Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem died in Nigeria on July 24, 2024, where he had been teaching at Spiritan University Nneochi (SUN) in the country's Catholic Diocese of Enugu. Born in 1950, Fr. Enwerem entered the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great (Chicago) through its mission in Nigeria, making first vows in 1973. When the Province's mission in Nigeria became the independent Province of St. Joseph the Worker in 1993, Fr. Enwerem elected to remain a member of the Chicago province, though he stayed in Nigeria.

Fr. Iheanyi helped establish the Dominican Institute in 1994 and served as the institute's founding president for six years before accepting a role at CSN, the administrative headquarters of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN). Established by the Dominican Province of St. Joseph the Worker in Ibadan, the Institute has distinguished itself in offering Philosophy and Theology not only to young men training to become Priests, but also to women Religious, Catholic Laity and people of other faiths.

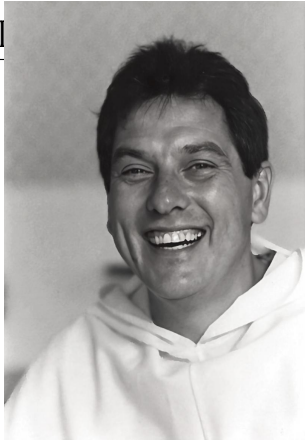
"We have lost a great preacher and great scholar," said Fr. Mekas Nwosu who took over from Fr. Iheanyi at the Dominican Institute and served as the Institute's president from 2016 to 2022. Fr. Iheanyi was a controversial Priest, his confrere further said, adding that the late Priest's critique of the role of the Church in Nigeria's 1999 elections ended his role as Director of the Department of Church and State of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN).

"Fr. Iheanyi was a blunt priest and he criticized without fear. I remember that the Catholic Church was very active in monitoring Nigeria's 1999 elections which were very flawed. Fr. Iheanyi wrote a book 'Crossing The Rubicon' in which he bluntly pointed out the role of the Church in the flawed elections. The Bishops were not happy about the book and Fr.

Iheanyi had to leave the Secretariat," Fr. Mekas narrated to ACI Africa on July 25.

After leaving the Catholic Bishops' Secretariat surrounded by controversy, he went to Canada for a while and returned to Nigeria to teach at the Spiritan University Nneochi (SUN) in the country's Catholic Diocese of Enugu. It was while teaching at the Spiritan University that he developed health complications and died on July 24. He is buried in Nigeria.

Michael Becket Ruthenbe



3 May 2024

Michael Charles Ruthenberg was born on September 9, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, and adopted by Willard (Bill) and Marcella (Maley) Ruthenberg. He had one younger sister. Michael attended grammar school at St. Isaac Jogues in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He received his high school diploma from Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio, in 1966 and entered the Society of the Precious Blood. He was first incorporated into the Society as a brother candidate on August 15, 1969, and definitively incorporated on May 30, 1970. In 1972, he requested and received permission to study for the priesthood. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology with a minor in Philosophy from St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1973. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois, to continue his studies at Catholic Theological Union. At his request, Michael was released from his commitment to the Society in December of 1974.

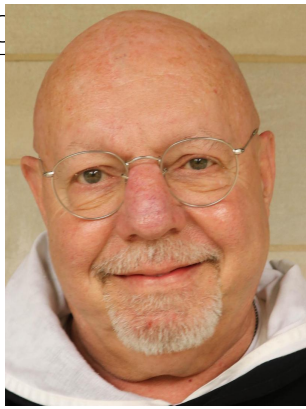
From 1974 to 1978 Michael worked in childcare and then as a railroad carman until 1982. He considered a return to the Society of the Precious Blood which was not to be. In high school seminary, Michael had considered discerning with the Order of Preachers (which his formator noted in his application to the Order). He resumed that discernment and, on August 23, 1982, entered the novitiate of the Province of St. Albert the Great in Denver, Colorado, where he received the religious name Michael Becket. He professed first vows on August 21, 1983, at St. Dominic Priory in Denver and began studies for the priesthood at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He professed solemn vows on August 30, 1986, and was ordained a priest at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, on May 14, 1988, by Archbishop John May of St. Louis.

Fr. Michael began his priestly ministry at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois. In 1990, he moved to Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, to serve as a chaplain at the motherhouse for the Dominican Sisters. In 1994, he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was an associate pastor at St. Jude Parish. In 1995, he moved to St. Clair Shores, Michigan, to be an associate pastor at St. Gertrude Parish. From 1997 to 1999, Fr. Michael was on exclaustration in Winona, Minnesota. He returned to the Province and was assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois, where he performed parish supply work and hospital chaplaincy until 2001. From 2001 until 2019 he was chaplain at Little Sisters of the Poor Center for Aging in Chicago, Illinois. In 2019, due to post-operation heart surgery complications which resulted in a permanent tracheostomy, Fr. Michael went into Limited Service at St. Pius V Priory.

Fr. Michael maintained an interest in historical research throughout his Dominican life. During his studies in St. Louis, he helped to identify the grave of pioneering Dominican John Alleman (d. 1865) and raised funds to purchase a tombstone. In 1995, organized an expedition with Great Lakes Maritime Institute Underwater Research Team which discovered St. Felicity Cemetery, confirming the existence of a mission Church which had been built on the shores of Lake St. Clair and abandoned in 1855 as the lake rose and subsumed it.

After a bout with pneumonia that further compromised his breathing, Fr. Michael was placed on hospice care. His sister, Mary, visited him before passing. Fr. Richard Litzau and Fr. Daniel Davis, prior and subprior of St. Pius V Priory, sat with him before his passing on May 3, 2024, at Rainbow Hospice Ark (Ascension Resurrection Hospital). Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Pius V Parish on May 9, 2024. Very Rev. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presided and Rev. Brian Bricker, O.P., preached. Fr. Ruthenberg was laid to rest in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Stanley Anthony Drongo



9 July 2023

Stanley Anthony Drongowski was born on September 25, 1951, to Stanley and Grace (Kline) Drongowski in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the first of their four children before Grace passed away in August of 1958. His father later married Dorothy (Horning) Drongowski with whom he had four more children. Stanley began grade school in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at St. Mary School and completed it in Kent, Ohio, at St. Patrick School. He attended high school at Kent State University School and Roosevelt High School.

From 1969-1974, Stanley attended Kent State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. A significant even happened when Stanley was finishing his freshman year. On May 4, 1970, while he was walking across campus, student protests of the Vietnam War ended with the Ohio National Guard shooting into the crowd, killing four and wounding nine. The trauma of the event remained with Stanley his whole life. It was also at Kent State that Stanley was inspired and encouraged to become a Dominican Friar by Sr. Diana Culbertson, O.P., one of his literature professors. Soon after graduation, on October 2, 1974, he entered the novitiate for the Province of St. Albert the Great in Dubuque, Iowa. A year later on October 4, 1974, he professed first vows at St. Rose Priory where he also began studies for the priesthood at Aquinas Institute of Theology. He professed solemn vows on October 7, 1978, in the hands of Fr. Damian Fandal, O.P., and was ordained to the priesthood at St. Rose Priory on October 6, 1979, by Archbishop James Byrne of Dubuque.

Having completed his M.Div. and M.A. in Theology in the Spring of 1980, Fr. Stan moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to begin his first ministry as an associate pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish which he did for three years. After complementary studies at the Catholic University of America, he was

assigned to St. Dominic Parish in Denver (1984-1987) as an associate pastor where he was also elected prior of the community. In 1987, he was asked to prepare to be novice master so he joined a cohort of new formators in the Order for a program at the Angelicum in Rome. He served the province as novice master from 1988-1993.

In 1994, after a brief sabbatical, Fr. Stan moved to St. Louis Bertrand Priory in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was elected prior while completing his D.Min. in Preaching from Aquinas Institute (1996). His next assignment brought him back to Blessed Sacrament in Madison as pastor until 2003. He was once again elected prior (2000-2003). At the end of his term, he moved to the Dominican Ashram, Friends of God, in Kenosha, Wisconsin (2003-2005).

For the last eighteen years of ministry, Fr. Stan worked primarily with college students. He was part of the initial team of Dominicans to run the campus ministry at Indiana University in Bloomington. He was superior of the community at St. Paul for all eight years. His last assignment brought him to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was part of a team of Dominicans beginning a new ministry. Fr. Stan worked as chaplain at Aquinas College for a decade. Through this work, Fr. Stan was known for his availability and encouragement, a trusted advisor to young and old alike. He was set to begin limited service when a cardiac event led to a fall while he was on vacation at the province house in Galena, Illinois. Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P., was with him and immediately called for an ambulance. Fr. Stan died on the way to the hospital in Dubuque, Iowa, on the afternoon of July 9, 2023.

Services were held at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest, Illinois, on Tuesday, July 18. Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30AM preceded by sung Office of the Dead at 9:30AM. Fr. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presided and Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P., preached. Bishop David Walkowiak of Grand Rapids was the principal concelebrant. Well over one hundred people were in attendance. Funeral arrangements were handled by Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home. He was buried in the Dominican Section at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Mark Robert Paraday, O.P.



5 July 2023

On December 11, 1931, Sophie (Stolowski) and Clinton Paraday welcomed their second of six children, Robert Clinton, into the world in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Longfellow School (1937-1940), Nathanael Greene School (1940-1945) and Kelly High School (1945-1949) all in Chicago.

After two years working in maintenance at a factory, Robert entered the Dominican Novitiate in Winona, Minnesota. He received the habit from V. Rev. Reginald Hughes, O.P., on September 4, 1951 and was given the religious name of Mark. He made simple profession as a cooperator brother on September 5, 1952.

He remained at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona serving in the laundry until 1953 when he was reassigned to St. Rose Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked in the laundry and kitchen. There he made solemn profession on September 5, 1958. In 1959 he moved to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago where he worked in the kitchen and laundry as well as ministered in the parish and taught leadership courses.

In 1965, Fr. Paraday moved to the Provincial Vicariate in Bolivia, a ministry which shaped the remainder of his Dominican life. After language studies in Cochabamba, he worked in Oruro and La Paz as the procurator and youth moderator until 1967. He then worked in Cochabamba as the director of the Youth Center, high school teacher and a leader in the charismatic renewal until 1973. In addition to religion classes, Fr. Paraday taught two-hour long dance classes to high school boys so that they would have greater confidence at their school dances, which was a great success!

From 1973 until 1982, he was assigned to Santa Cruz and continued working in the charismatic renewal and pastoral work with the marginalized. While there, he requested a change in status from cooperator to clerical brother

and began studies for the priesthood at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Institute in Santa Cruz as well as the Theological Institute of Higher Studies in Cochabamba. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 11, 1983, by Bishop Pedro Lira at La Mansion in Santa Cruz. He began his priestly ministry in Cochabamba where he remained until 2006. There he continued his charismatic work as director of Centro San Martin de Porres (1984-1987) in addition to working as a Community Coordinator. In 1987, Fr. Paraday was elected to the first of two terms as the Vicar Provincial for Bolivia. He also served as economic administrator of the Vicariate, house superior, prison chaplain and hospital chaplain during his years of ministry in Bolivia.

Fr. Paraday return to Chicago in 2006 and became the associate director of the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus which he did until 2010. He then worked for one year as the Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia, Missouri. Travel to and from the parish became quite burdensome as he was no longer driving, so he retired to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago, Illinois. Due to failing health, Fr. Paraday moved to Bethesda Senior care in June of 2023. The community discovered many small chores he had been attentive to when he moved out as glassware was no longer being put away and the coffee was no longer ready at 4:30am. Fr. Richard Litzau, O.P., Prior of St. Pius V, sat with Fr. Paraday for most of the day on July 5 before he passed away that evening. In his funeral homily for Fr. Paraday, Fr. Patrick Rearden, O.P., shared that Fr. Paraday's liturgical training was perhaps insufficient as he gave the episcopal blessing at the end of his first Mass, a mistake he never repeated.

Office of the Dead and Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Pius V Parish on July 10, 2023. V. Rev. Louis Morrone, O.P., Prior Provincial, presided and Fr. Patrick Rearden, O.P., preached. Fr. Paraday was laid to rest in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Vincent Warren Bryce, O.



4 June 2023

On May 27, 1929, Warren William Bryce was the last of six sons born to Ida (Koehler) and Edward Bryce in Chicago, Illinois. He attended St. Pius V Grammar School (1936-44), St. Ignatius High School (1944-48), and DePaul University (1948-50).

On August 30, 1950, he received the Dominican habit at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota, and was given the religious name of Vincent. He made his first profession on August 31, 1951, and then began his studies at St. Thomas Aquinas House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. Vinnie (as he came to be known) moved to St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he made his Solemn Profession on August 31, 1954. From 1954-58 he engaged in his theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1957, by the Archbishop of Dubuque.

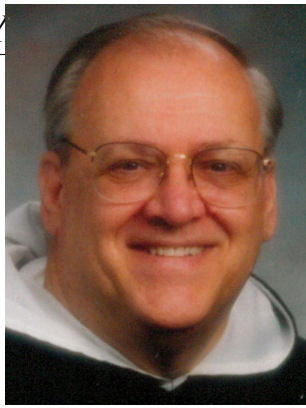
From 1958-64 he served as associate pastor of Holy Rosary Parish and then at Holy Ghost Parish in Hammond, Louisiana from 1964-68. In 1968 Vinnie was pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Houston, Texas, and then as pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois, from 1970-79.

Following brief stints in campus ministry at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota (1980), and as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Crookston, Minnesota (1980-81), Vinnie became pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Middle River, Minnesota (1981-83).

From 1983-95 Vinnie was pastor of St. Gertrude Parish in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He then moved to be pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Edmore, Michigan and St. Bernadette of Lourdes in Stanton, Michigan (1995-2002).

In 2002 Vinnie moved to St. Pius V. Priory in Chicago, Illinois and then in 2003 to St. Dominic Priory in St. Louis, Missouri. With declining health, he moved in 2020 to Mother of Good Counsel Home in St. Louis, where he died on June 4, 2023 during the Provincial Chapter. Louis Morrone, O.P., presided at his funeral and DePorres Durham, O.P., preached. The funeral was held at St. Dominic Priory, St. Louis, Missouri, on June 10, 2023. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri.

Peter Francis Witchousky



27 May 2023

On January 31, 1940, Francis Leon Witchousky was born to Frank and Helen (Thayer) Witchousky in Aurora, Illinois. He had an older sister Jo Anne.

He attended St. Peter Grade School in Aurora from 1946-54. This was followed by Marmion Military Academy also in Aurora (1954-58). Following high school, he went to St. Procopius College in Lisle, Illinois (1958-60). In 1961-62 he attended Smith Hall at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, in preparation for entering the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great.

On August 30, 1962, he received the Dominican habit and began his novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. At this time, he received the religious name of Peter. He made his profession on August 31, 1963, and moved to begin his studies in philosophy at the House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois. Three years later, on August 31, 1966, he made his Solemn Profession and proceeded to St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa to study theology. Peter was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1969.

Peter's first assignment was to teach religion at Fenwick High School in River Forest, Illinois. While at Fenwick, he was also the director of Fenwick's theatre program. He was at Fenwick from 1969-76 at which time he moved to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Madison, Wisconsin where he served as pastor until 1982.

Following a year of sabbatical, Peter spent 1983-84 on the pastoral staff of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, River Forest, Illinois. In 1984 he became Promoter of Vocations for the Province, a position he held until 1991. In 1992 he became chaplain at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield, Illinois. In 2004 he became chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at their Motherhouse

in Springfield. He held this position until deteriorating health forced him into full retirement.

On May 15, 2023, Peter was moved to the St. Pius V Priory assisted living center in Chicago. He died on May 27, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Jo Anne. He is survived by his nephew, Jeff Buchanan, and his niece, Jorie Carson, and many other extended family members.

The body was received into St. Pius V Parish, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. on June 6, immediately followed by Office of the Dead and the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Benedict Thomas Viviano,



25 May 2023

During the night of May 25, Father Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., STL, PhD, STM died in his sleep at the Resurrection Life Center in Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Viviano was internationally renowned as a scholar of sacred scripture, particularly of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Thomas Michael Viviano was born on January 22, 1940, to Frank G. Viviano and Carmeline Chiappetta Viviano in St. Louis, Missouri. For primary school he attended City House Academy (Barat Hall) from 1945-48 and Immacolata Parochial (Clayton) 1948-53. He then attended Christian Brothers Military High School, graduating in 1957.

Following high school Fr. Viviano studied from 1957-59 at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, in preparation to enter the Dominican Order, Province of St. Albert the Great. He entered the novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota, receiving the Dominican habit on August 30, 1959. At that time, he received the religious name of Benedict. On August 31, 1960, he made his religious profession of simple vows.

Following his novitiate Fr. Viviano began philosophical studies at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois. It was there that he made his solemn profession on August 31, 1963. From River Forest he moved to St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he studied theology and was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1966.

After his ordination Fr. Viviano studied at The Pontifical Institute of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 1966-67, where he attained both a Lectorate and Licentiate in Sacred Theology. In 1969 he received a Bachelor of Sacred Scripture from The Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Italy, a PhD in Bible from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina (1976), and a License in Sacred Scripture (cum mentione speciale)

from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1977).

Fr. Viviano's teaching experiences began at The Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa, from 1972-81 and in St. Louis, 1981-84. He then taught at the Dominican Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem, 1984-95. At this time, he served as editor of The Revue Biblique. Following his time at the Ecole, he moved to become Professor of New Testament at the Dominican University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He taught there from 1995-2011.

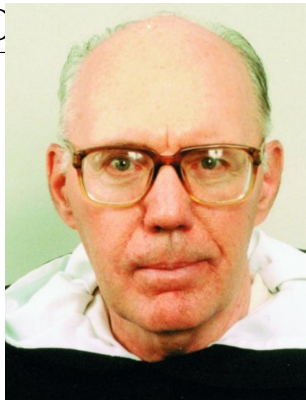
A prodigious writer, in 1978 Fr. Viviano's doctoral Dissertation was published as part of the Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity, Study as Worship: Aboth and the New Testament. He was co-editor of The Illustrated Dictionary and Concordance of the Bible (1986). In 1988 The Kingdom of God in History was published and was later translated into French. He was also the author of the Commentary on Matthew in The New Jerome Bible Commentary (1989). In addition to other books, he was also the author of numerous articles and reviews, contributing to almost every major biblical journal.

Following his retirement from The University of Fribourg in 2011, Fr. Viviano divided his year between the Dominican community in Vienna, Austria and St. Dominic Priory in St. Louis, Missouri. In 2019 health challenges required his permanent relocation to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago, Illinois.

Fr. Viviano was deeply loved and respected by his Dominican brothers and all who had the opportunity to know him and receive the fruits of his wisdom as well as his wit. He will be deeply missed by them but especially by his sister Patricia Viviano Tecu and her sons Matthew, Peter (and wife Caterina), and Joshua Tecu. He was preceded into eternal life by his parents and his brother Paul Vincent Viviano.

Services for Fr. Viviano were held on Saturday, June 3 at the chapel of St. Dominic Priory in St. Louis, Missouri. Reception of the body was at 10 a.m. followed by the Office for the Dead and visitation. The Mass of Christian Burial began at 11 a.m. followed by a lunch reception. He was interred in the Viviano family plot in Calvary Cemetery.

Raphael Aloysius Fabish, C



20 April 2023

On October 13, 1927, a son was born to Alexander and Angeline (Cwiok) Fabish in Chicago, Illinois. They named him Aloysius. Between 1933 and 1946 he attended St. Stanislaus elementary school in Chicago, John Mills public school in Elmwood Park, Illinois, St. Ferdinand in Chicago, St. George High School in Evanston, and Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago.

On June 24, 1946, Aloysius entered the Dominican novitiate In River Forest, Illinois, and received the habit at the hands of The V. Rev. Edmund Marr, O.P. At that time, he was given the religious name of Raphael. Br. Raphael was simply professed on June 25, 1947, again by Fr. Marr, O.P.

From September of 1947 until June of 1950 Br. Raphael studied at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest. He studied philosophy at DePaul University, 1949-1950. On June 25, 1950, Br. Raphael was solemnly professed in the hands of Fr. Edmund Marr. He then spent a year of studies at John the Baptist Convent in Ottawa, Canada.

After returning to the United States Br. Raphael began theological studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa, which continued to 1954.

On May 26, 1953, he was ordained a priest at St. Rose Priory in Dubuque by Archbishop Loras Lane.

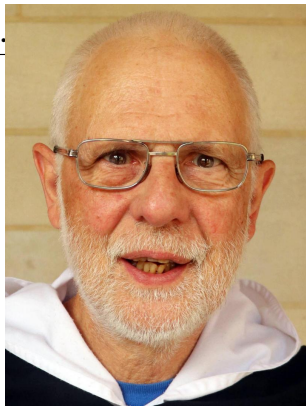
Fr. Fabish's ministerial life was quite varied. From 1954-56 he served as Associate Pastor at St. Albert the Great Parish in Minneapolis, Minnesota, followed by a term as Associate Pastor at Holy Name Parish in Kansas City, Missouri (1956-59). Fr. Fabish then assisted in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with residence in Canton, South Dakota. He then had two more turns as associate pastor at Nativity Parish in Compton, California

(1963-66) and St, Pius V Parish in Chicago (1966-76).

Following his parochial ministries Fr. Fabish served as a rural missionary in Mexico (1976-1991). He was then in the Chaplain's residence at St. Anthony Continuing Care Center, Rock Island, Illinois and then St. Joseph Home in Palatine, Illinois. He was always a quiet man and reserved in speaking of himself.

In 2003 Fr. Fabish went into Limited Service at St. Pius V Priory. In 2019 he became a resident of Resurrection Life Center until his death on April 20, 2023. His funeral was at St. Pius V Priory in Chicago on April 25, 2023, and interment at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Jon Albert Alexander, O.P.



3 March 2023

Jon Albert Alexander was born on March 31, 1943, to John and Margaretta Alexander in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Jon studied History and Education at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from 1961-1965 and then matriculated to Temple University in Philadelphia where in 1971 he was awarded a Ph.D. with a specialization in American History.

Following a year of teaching at Jackson State University, he went to study at the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was at Harvard that Jon encountered Thomas O'Meara, O.P. who was instrumental in instructing Jon about Catholicism and bringing him into the faith and, eventually, into the Dominican Order. Jon received an M.T.S. degree from Harvard in 1974 and then entered the Dominicans in Dubuque, Iowa.

Jon was simply professed as a cooperator brother on October 4, 1975 and began teaching American Studies at The Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque (1976-1980). From 1981-1983 he taught as Assistant Professor of History and Lecturer in Religious Studies at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island.

Jon then changed his status from that of cooperator brother to cleric and did supplemental studies at The Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 10, 1986, in the Old Cathedral in St. Louis by Bishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly, O.P. Jon's first pastoral assignment was as a parochial vicar at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He was in Albuquerque until 1989 when he became Director of the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. From 1991-1994 he was the parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and from 1994-1998 he was in campus ministry at St. Francis Newman Center in Silver

City, New Mexico.

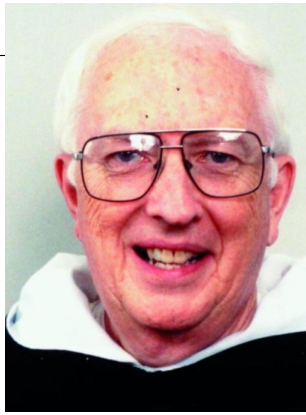
In 1998 Jon returned to Providence College as Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies. He was a very popular professor during his time at Providence and remained there until 2014. Jon then returned to New Mexico as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cerillos. He was also responsible for Nuestra Señora de los Remedios Mission and San Francisco de Assisi Mission (2014-2016).

After a year helping in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis with residence at St. Albert the Great Priory, Jon moved in 2017, due to declining health, to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago. He died in Chicago the morning of March 3, 2023, from cancer.

Jon was known for his acute intellect. His field of academic interest was colonial history and early American religious experience. It was in these areas that he wrote and published many articles and several books. Jon was also known for his incisive (and at times irreverent) humor. He would regale contemporaries with his rewritten songs. He also loved horses and horseback riding. Many experienced Jon as a gentle and generous man.

His funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, March 9, at St. Pius V Parish, Chicago, and interment was at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Peter Joseph Hereley, O.P.



3 February 2023

Joseph Robert Hereley was born on April 28, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, to Harry and Helen (Buckley) Hereley. He had three sisters: Patricia, Helen, and Mary.

From 1935-1942 Joseph attended St. Jerome and Our Lady of Victory elementary schools in Chicago. He then attended DePaul Academy from which he graduated in 1946. Following high school, he entered the Army and was discharged in 1948 with the rank of Corporal.

After his army service Joseph attended DePaul University in Chicago (1949) and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. (1949-1950). He then left studies for positions at the brokerage firm of Paul H. Davis & Co. (1950-1951), the import-export division of Armour & Co. (1951-52), and Commerce Clearinghouse, Inc., as an editor (1952-1955). At this time, he returned to study at Loyola University in Chicago, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955. Following this he worked at the brokerage firm of A.J. Krenske & Co. (1955-1956).

He entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota, where on August 30, 1956, he received the habit from the V. Rev. J.E. Marr, O.P., and was given the religious name of Peter. Br. Peter made his first profession on August 31, 1957, in the hands of Rev. George Kinsella, O.P. After his novitiate, Br. Peter began his philosophical studies at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois. On August 31, 1960, he made his Solemn Profession.

Br. Peter studied theology from 1960-1964 at St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque, Iowa, where he was ordained a deacon in 1962. On April 15, 1963, he was ordained a priest by Bishop George Biskup. Fr. Hereley's first assignment after ordination was as associate pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer

Parish in River Forest. This was followed in 1967 by his assignment as co-director of the Catholic Campus Parish at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. In 1970 he was assigned as Chaplain-Director of Holy Trinity Newman Center at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 1980, Fr. Hereley was asked by Fr. Damian Fandal, the Provincial, to establish and direct the Office for Radio and Television for the Province of St. Albert the Great, with residence at St. Pius V Priory. He worked first with preachers and teachers to give them an opportunity to develop skills for working with media. From 1985-1991, as Director and Producer of Dominican Central Productions, he directed over thirty television productions which were eventually broadcast on educational channels throughout the country such as the Eternal Word Television Network and the Catholic Telecommunications of America.

Fr, Hereley preached for Food for the Poor (1989-1992) and then for The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (1992-1993), residing at St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest. From 1992-1996, he became the Business Manager for the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and served as the procurator for St. Stephen Priory there. He returned to preaching for The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, with residence at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in River Forest. From 1996-2002 he was prior at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in River Forest, where he continued to reside. From 1998-2011 he was also President of The American Friends of the Ecole Biblique.

In 2020, due to diminished health, he moved to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago. He died on February 3, 2023. He will be missed by his Dominican family and by his birth family. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. He always tried to set a good example for them, and his family was very proud of him. Most of them are named Marren (through his sister Mary) and some Kilbridge (through his sister Helen) and some Coniglio (nee Biernat) through his sister Patricia. He was the last living Hereley of which his family is aware. He had a vice-grip handshake and a famous booming laugh.

His funeral Mass was celebrated 11:00 a.m. at St. Pius V Parish, 1919 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, February 10, 2023, with the Office of the Dead and viewing at 10:00 a.m. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery,

Des Plaines, Illinois.

Vincent John Blake, O.P.



26 November 2022

John Daniel Blake was born in Perry, Iowa, on May 7, 1925, to Ethel West Blake and Alfred Blake. He attended St. Patrick Primary and Secondary School at St. Patrick's in Perry.

After high school he went to Smyth Hall at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa for two years before entering the novitiate in River Forest, Illinois, where he received his Dominican habit and the religious name of Vincent on June 24, 1944. He made his first profession on June 25, 1945. Fr. Blake received a Bachelor of Philosophy in 1947 and a Licentiate in Philosophy in 1948 granted by the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois.

Fr. Blake was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1951. He completed a Master of Theology degree at the Dominican House of Studies at St. Rose of Lima Priory in Dubuque in 1952.

After his ordination Fr. Blake began a ministry in teaching. First, he taught French at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois (1952-57), Religion at St. Joseph High School in Jackson, Mississippi (1957-58), and Philosophy at Marymount College in Salina, Kansas (1958-63). After his teaching career Fr. Blake went as Associate Pastor to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Madison, Wisconsin (1963-69).

In 1969 Fr. Blake was assigned to Santa Cruz in the Dominican vicariate of Bolivia. Fr. Blake was challenged to address the extreme poverty he saw in young boys deserted by their families and sleeping in the alleyways. He established a home for these boys and taught them. He would make an annual return to the United States to solicit charity for them. Fr. Blake was then made Novice Master for the Dominican Friars of the Vicariate.

Experiencing declining health, in 1995 Fr. Blake returned to the United States after twenty-five years in Bolivia. Between 1995 and 2011 he lived in

Dominican Priories in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Denver, Colorado; Madison, Wisconsin; and Chicago. In 2017 Fr. Blake retired to Resurrection Life Center where he died on November 26, 2022. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Pius V Parish, 1919 South Ashland Ave., Chicago on December 1, 2022. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Michael Allan Champlin,



21 November 2022

Michael Allan Champlin was born on January 15, 1939, to Smith M. and Noreen M. (Kirby) Champlin in St. Paul, Minnesota. He attended Nativity Grade School (1945-54) and Cretin High School, both in St. Paul. Following high school Michael attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa (1957-59) in preparation for entering the Dominican Order.

On August 30, 1959, Michael received the Dominican habit at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. At the same time, he was given the religious name of Eugene. He made his first profession on August 31, 1960, after which he moved to St. Thomas Aquinas Priory in River Forest, Illinois where he was solemnly professed on August 31, 1963. At that time, he was granted both a Licentiate as well as an M.A. in philosophy.

Following his solemn profession, he began his theological studies at St. Rose of Lima Priory and the Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained a priest on June 3, 1966, at St. Rose after which he undertook studies in Communication Arts at Notre Dame University and later did graduate studies in education. From 1967-69 he was a professor at the Dominican studium. Around that same time, he took the opportunity to return to his baptismal name of Michael.

In 1970 he became a member of the Dominican Evangelical Preaching Team in Denver, Colorado. This began a lifelong passion for evangelical preaching which was to continue for the remainder of his life.

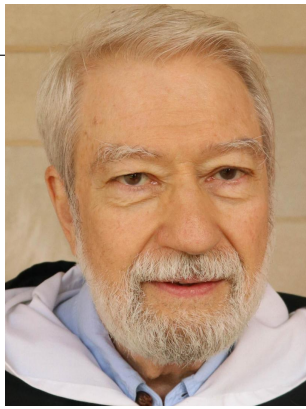
Michael became a founding member of the Thomas More Center for Preaching and Prayer in 1979, in Webster, Wisconsin, with his brother, Carson Champlain, O.P., who preceded him to eternal life: Nicholas Punch, O.P.; and Sister Joan Bukrey, O.S.F. Together they shared their gifts for preaching internationally, especially throughout the United States and

Australia.

Michael joined his parents and brother Carson in celebrating God's loving mercy on November 21, 2022, after a lifetime of touching and transforming the lives of countless women and men throughout the world.

The funeral Mass for Michael was celebrated on December 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois.

Richard John Woods, O.P. - 19 November 2022



19 November 2022

On November 19, 2022, Fr. Richard John Woods, O.P. went to the mercy of God. Richard died peacefully in Tallaght, Ireland, where he had been hospitalized for several months due to brain and neck injuries resulting from falls.

John Francis Woods was born on July 30, 1941, to James Everett and Margaret (Corcoran) Woods in Albuquerque, New Mexico. From 1947-1959 he attended St. Mary's Grade School, Regina Caeli Junior High, and St. Mary's High School. He then attended The Catholic University of America, the University of New Mexico, and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

In August of 1962 he entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Peter Martyr Priory in Winona, Minnesota. On August 30, 1962, he received the Dominican habit and was given the religious name of Richard. At the end of his novitiate, Richard was simply professed on August 31, 1963.

Proceeding to the Dominican House of Philosophy (St. Thomas Aquinas Priory) in River Forest, Illinois, Richard began his studies in philosophy. He received a B.A. / Ph.B. in 1964 and an M.A. / Ph.L. in 1966. On August 31, 1966, he made his Solemn Profession.

After his time in River Forest, and as a Dominican student brother preparing for the priesthood, Richard matriculated at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa, from which he received an M.A. in Theology. On April 15, 1968, he was ordained to the diaconate and on May 24, 1969, to the priesthood.

Richard did postgraduate studies in Film Study at DePaul University in Chicago the summer of 1965, Journalism the summer of 1967 at the

University of Minnesota, and from 1974-75 at the Religious Experience Research Unit at Manchester College, Oxford, England.

Following his ordination to priesthood Richard began doctoral studies at Loyola University, Chicago. In 1978 Richard received his Ph.D. from Loyola in Philosophy of Religion. His dissertation was, “The Social Dimension of Mysticism: The Meaning and Structure of Religious Experience in the Philosophy of William Ernest Hocking.”

Among many other awards and honors, Richard received the honorary Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) by the Dominican Order in 2000.

Richard’s teaching experience contributed to numerous institutions throughout the United States, particularly with the Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University in Chicago, and the Dominican University in River Forest from 2000-2022. From 1991-1997 he was also a visiting tutor and lecturer at Blackfriars Hall, the University of Oxford, England. In 1999 he was awarded the Aquinas Lectureship at Emory University in Atlanta.

Richard was a prolific producer of books, articles, and lectures in professional journals and societies. To say he was a renaissance man would be an understatement. His interest in and contribution to the scholarship included spirituality and mysticism, sexuality, the Celtic harp (which he played masterfully), Celtic studies, the occult, and Meister Eckhart. He also wrote or contributed to five volumes of fiction. Another contribution was fifty-two columns in The National Catholic Reporter. The breadth of his interests and his production were exemplary.

Richard was predeceased by his parents and older brother, James Woods, Jr. He leaves nephew Michael Woods (Lisa), nieces Teresa Woods (Gary), Cathy Woods (John), and Shari Thieman-Greene (Jamie), along with a large extended family. His primary residence was in Chicago, but he often spent summers at the family cottage in Arklow, Ireland. He passed while in Ireland.

A wake service combined with Vespers was held at St. Mary's Priory in Tallaght, Ireland. The Mass of Christian Burial took place there on November 25. Richard's body was interred in the Dominican cemetery in the priory

garden at St. Mary's. A memorial Mass was celebrated at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, on January 14, 2023.