



Fr. John Charles Flannery O.P.

March 14, 1932 - March 24, 2013

Fr. John Flannery, who died unexpectedly at St. Albert Priory, Oakland on Palm Sunday, March 24, was ordained on June 10, 1960 at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, by Archbishop Merlin Guilfoyle. He received his MD from Marquette University in 1966, and served as priest and medical missionary in Ocosingo, Mexico. Three years later, civil unrest forced him to return to the United States, and he pursued psychiatric training at the University of Michigan.

Fr. Flannery served as part-time chaplain at San Quentin Prison, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry and Religion at the Graduate Theological Union, and Medical Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services for Maricopa County Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

His assignments in the Western Dominican Province include campus ministry at Arizona State University and parish ministry at St. Dominic Church in San Francisco. In 1985, he was elected Prior Provincial by his fellow friars, and was re-elected in 1990. When his second term expired he served the Native American population at Whiteriver, Arizona.

Fr. Flannery was spiritual director and counselor to many, including diocesan priests and seminarians in the Dioceses of Phoenix and San Diego and his own Dominican brothers in the Western Province. He retired from active

ministry in 2011 and was living in at St. Albert Priory until his death. A holy man and able administrator, Fr. Flannery will be missed for his talents as confessor, counselor, and spiritual director, and for his kind and respectful demeanor to all he met.

Vigil services will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3rd at St. Albert's Priory. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 4th also at St. Albert's followed by burial in St. Dominic's Cemetery, Benicia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fr. John Charles Flannery O.P.*

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