

Star of the Sea Friary Chapel Waverley
Mass of Christian Burial

FABIAN ADKINS OFM

FRANCISCAN FRIAR



Born to Eternal Life
15 March 2025

Fabian Adkins OFM

Birth	14 May 1930
Novitiate	17 February 1954
Temporary Profession	18 February 1955
Solemn Profession	1 March 1958
Death	15 March 2025

1951-1954	Campbelltown, NSW	Novitiate
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Fabian served in the friaries of the Holy Spirit Province, caring for the community, along with maintenance, cooking and gardening work, prior to many years in the Holy Land and the Holy Land Commissariat in the US.

1955-57	Mornington, Vic	Friary duties
1958-59	Box Hill, Vic	Friary duties
1960	Auckland, NZ	Friary duties
1961-65	Waverley, NSW	Friary duties
1966-68	Wahroonga, NSW	Friary duties
1969-70	Kew, Vic	Friary duties
1971	Mt Eliza, Vic	Friary duties
1972-74	Wahroonga, NSW	Friary duties
1975-83	Jerusalem, Israel	Custody of the Holy Land
1984	Wahroonga, NSW	Brother
1985-89	Jerusalem, Israel	Custody of the Holy Land
1990-95	Nazareth, Israel	Custody of the Holy Land
1996-2004	Washington, USA	Commissariat of the Holy Land
2005-06	Nazareth, Israel	Custody of the Holyland
2007-15	Madaba, Jordan	Custody of the Holyland
2016-20	Box Hill, Vic	Friary councillor
2020-25	Star of the Sea Friary Waverley, NSW	Retired

Mass of Christian Burial

Phillip Miscamble OFM
Principal Celebrant

Stephen Bliss OFM
Reading of Tributes

John Lourey OFM
First Reading

Peter Clifford OFM
Homily

Jassen Rose
Organist

Dominica Matthews
Singer



PROCESSIONAL SONG: “Canticle of the Sun”

Marty Haugen

Refrain:

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest,
come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars who light up the way
unto your throne. ***Refrain***

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas’ mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
they blow where they will, they blow where they please
to please the Lord. ***Refrain***

Praise for our death that makes our life real,
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
the gift of yourself, your presence revealed
to bring us home. ***Refrain***

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit

WELCOME

Phillip Miscamble OFM
Provincial Minister

TRIBUTES READ BY

Stephen Bliss OFM
Provincial Vicar



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

From the time of his baptism Fabian was enlightened by Christ. He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of a strong faith alive in his heart. May Christ, the eternal and unfailing light, now welcome Fabian into the kingdom of light and peace.

All: My God and my all

SPRINKLING WITH WATER

In the waters of baptism, Fabian died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May Fabian now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

All: My God and my all

PLACING OF THE BIBLE, RULE, CORD AND ROSARY

In his profession as a Friar, Fabian responded to the call of the Gospel to follow the crucified Christ in the footsteps of Francis. May Francis and Clare welcome our brother to his heavenly home.

All: My God and my all

PLACING OF THE FLOWERS

Fabian followed in the footsteps of Francis, seeing all of creation as brother and sister. In death, Fabian has become a new creation. With love and reverence, we place these flowers, the fruit of Mother Earth.

All: My God and my all

PENITENTIAL RITE

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries:

After a brief period of silence

Priest: Lord, you are the way that leads to the Father, Lord have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Priest: Christ, you are the truth that brings joy to the world, Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy

Priest: Lord, you are the life that renews the world. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray for our brother, Fabian

God of blessings, source of all love and peace, the voice of your Spirit has drawn countless people to follow Jesus Christ and to bind themselves to you with ready will and loving heart. Look with mercy on Fabian, our brother, who sought to fulfil his vows to you as a friar minor. Grant him the reward promised to all good and faithful servants. May he rejoice in the company of Francis, Clare, Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and all the saints, and with them praise you forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: John Lourey OFM

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: “The Lord is My Light”

Christopher Walker

The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear? With God, I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord, what should I dread? *Refrain*

Refrain:

*The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help,
the Lord is my salvation.*

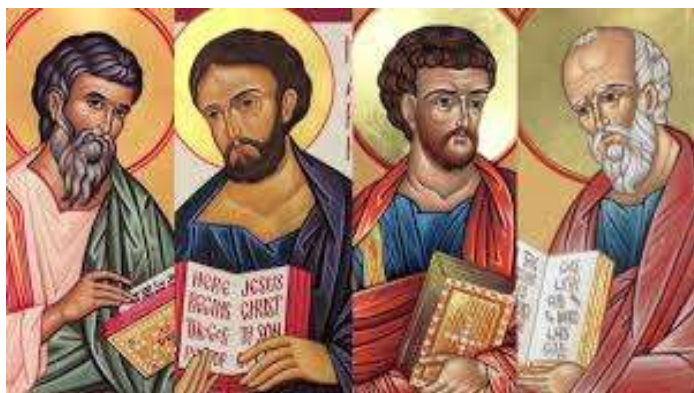
There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for:
all of my days with God to be dwelling,
gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
and in wonder look on God’s house. *Refrain*

I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness,
now, in this life, I'm sure I will see it.
Trust in the Lord, be strong, and be brave;
wait in hope for God, our salvation. *Refrain*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.
Come you whom my Father has blessed,
says the Lord:

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
since the foundation of the world.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory



GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

11:17-29

When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already spent four days in the tomb. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, a little less than two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them in the loss of their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask of Him."

"Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her.

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she answered, "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

After Martha had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside to tell her, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you."

And when Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Peter Clifford OFM

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Priest: We have been promised by Jesus that our every tear will be wiped away and that in faith we shall rise again. Rich in that faith, we place our needs before our loving God.

Reader

We gather in hope to give thanks for the life of our brother and friend, Fabian Adkins: we place him in Your loving hands, asking You to give him the joy of your presence, a presence he so desired.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

For all those who mourn the loss of Fabian: May they be comforted at this time of great loss and nourished by their memories of Fabian, and the love and care of family and friends.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

We give thanks for those who have cared for Fabian, the friars and staff at Star of the Sea friary and the various doctors and nurses who have assisted him.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us recall all our brothers and sisters, our parents and relatives, and our friends, who have walked the journey of faith and who have gone before us: trusting in the faithful friendship of Jesus, may we draw inspiration from their lives for our own journey in faith.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

For all of us gathered here today who are sad at the loss of our brother and friend, Fabian Adkins. May we be comforted by the bonds of fraternity we shared with Fabian.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

Priest: God of compassion, we stand before you as people of hope in the midst of our sorrow. May our lives bear witness to your life within us and among us. We offer you all our prayers and needs through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Reflective music

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of love, accept these gifts we present for Fabian, our brother. May they free him from sin and bring him to happiness of life in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer II

PC You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

CC Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

PC The mystery of faith: *(sung)*

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again*

CC Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

C¹ Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Anthony our Bishop, all the clergy and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Remember your servant Fabian, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his resurrection.

C² Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, with St Francis and St Clare, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

PC|CC Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
forever and ever.

All: Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father (*said*)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of the Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION REFLECTION: *"Panis Angelicus"*

THANKSGIVING HYMN: *"Holy Is His Name"*

John Michael Talbot

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exalts in God my Saviour.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
and my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
and His mercy will reach from age to age.

Refrain:

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

He has mercy in every generation.
He has revealed His power and His glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
and has lifted up the meek and the lonely.
He has come to help His servant Israel;
He remembers His promise to our fathers. ***Refrain***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Nourishing God, you feed us with the body and blood of your Son. May Fabian, who so often shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life which Christ has prepared for us. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



FINAL COMMENDATION
IN REMEMBRANCE OF FRIAR FABIAN ADKINS

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for our brother, Fabian, and now we come to our last farewell. There is sadness in our parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Fabian again, perfected in your glory. Although we may have sorrow in our hearts, the loving kindness of God will gather us together again in the joy of the kingdom. Let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Signs of Farewell

*Fabian's coffin is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed,
during which the Song of Farewell is sung.*

Song of Farewell

Tune: Old One Hundredth

Come to his aid, O saints of God;
Come, meet him, angels of the Lord.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you home,
Angels lead you to Abraham.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

Give him eternal rest, O Lord.
May light unending shine on him.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

I know that my Redeemer lives,
The last day I shall rise again.
Receive his soul, O holy ones
Present him now to God, Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, loving Father, we commend our brother, Fabian, in the certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Christ on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Fabian in his life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our communion with the saints in Christ.

Gentle, tender God, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant, Fabian Adkins. Help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Fabian forever.

Loving God, we thank you for Fabian, who was so dear and beloved to us. We thank you that through his life and suffering, he became a person we all could love. We pray that all that Fabian held dear will be remembered and honoured by those who come after him. We ask that his special gifts will continue to be valued by us long after his death. We pray that nothing of Fabian's life will be lost, but that his spirit will remain in our hearts and give strength to us in our times of need.

We thank you, God, that the life-giving spirit and presence of Fabian will go on living in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, and in this holy ground, Mother Earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

BRIEF INTERLUDE AS COFFIN IS PREPARED:

Quiet music

RECESSIONAL: "I know that my Redeemer lives"

Scott Soper

I know that my Redeemer lives,
the One who calls me home.
I long to see God face-to-face,
to see with my own eyes.

Refrain:

*I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.
I know that my Redeemer lives, and I shall rise again.*

I know that I shall one day see
the goodness of the Lord,
when God will wipe away our tears,
and death will be no more. ***Refrain***

The last day I shall rise again,
shall be remade like God.
My home shall be by God's own side
the dying, rising Lord. ***Refrain***

Macquarie Park Cemetery
Rite of Committal at the Graveside

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RITE OF COMMITTAL AT THE GRAVESIDE

Our brother, Fabian, has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother, Fabian; together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life appears in glory.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21

Our citizenship, our true home is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OVER THE GRAVE

All praise to you, Lord of all creation.
Praise to you, holy and living God.
We praise and bless you for your mercy,
we praise and bless you for your kindness.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

You sanctify the homes of the living
and make holy the places of the dead.
You alone open the gates of righteousness
and lead us to the dwellings of the saints.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

We praise you, our refuge and strength.
We bless you, our God and Redeemer.
Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.
We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Ever-loving God, remember the mercy with which you graced your servant Fabian in life. Receive him, we pray, into the mansions of the saints. As we make ready our brother's resting place, look also with favour on those who mourn and comfort them in their loss.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother, Fabian.

We commit his body to the ground:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him;
the Lord show his face to him and be merciful to him;
the Lord smile upon him with kindness and give him peace.
The Lord give him peace.



ACT OF COMMITTAL

FABIAN'S BODY IS LOWERED INTO THE GRAVE

For our brother, Fabian Adkins,
let us pray to Christ, our resurrection and our life:

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their sorrow:
draw near to us who mourn and comfort us.

Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

You raised the dead to life:
give to our brother Fabian eternal life.

Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Our brother was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit:
give him a share in the communion of saints.

Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

You were a herald of peace and reconciliation:
bring peace and harmony to our troubled world.

Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

With longing in our hearts for the coming of God's kingdom,
let us pray:

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER AND BLESSING

God of holiness and strength, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Fabian Adkins. Do not count his sins against him, for in his heart he desired to do your will. As his strong faith united him to your people on earth, so may your mercy join him to the saints in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.**

Amen

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God



To be sung at the graveside

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Álve, Regína, * máter mi-se-ricórdi-ae : VÍ-ta, dulcé-

do, et spes nóstra, sálve. Ad te clamámus, éxsu-les, fí-

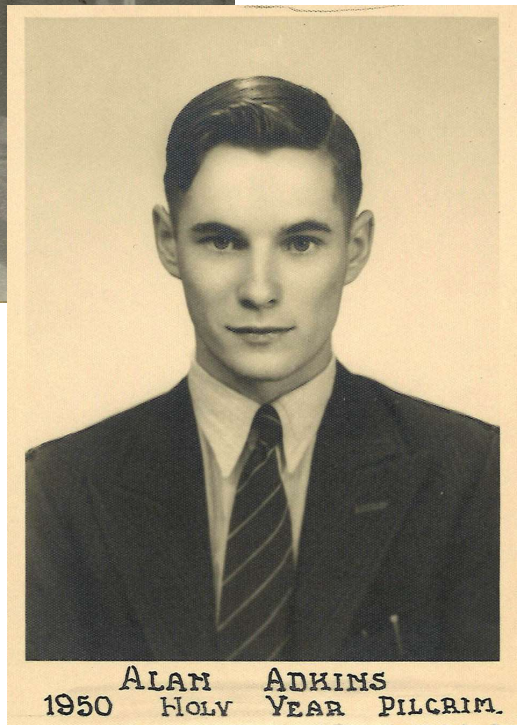
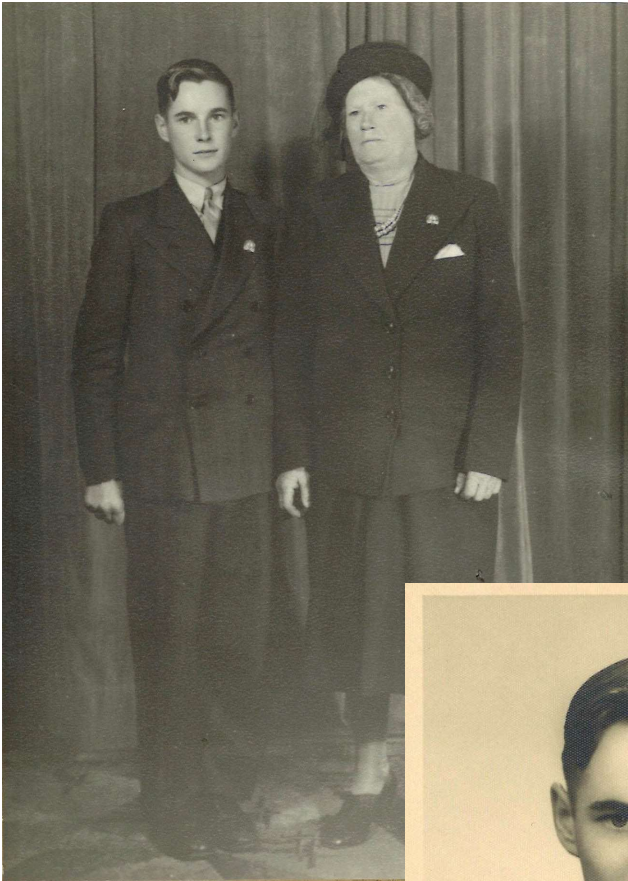
li- i Hévae. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et fléntes in hac

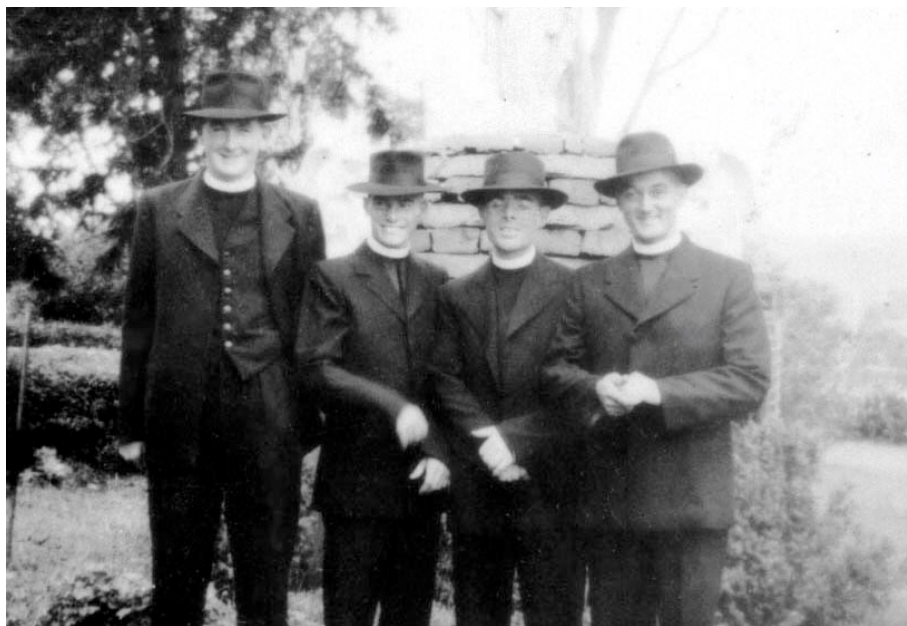
lacrimárum välle. E-ia ergo, Advocáta nóstra, íllos tú-os

mi-se-ricórdes ócu-los ad nos convérte. Et Jésum, benedí-

ctum frúctum véntris tú-i, nóbis post hoc exsí-li-um ostén-

de. O clémens : O pí- a : O dúlcis * Vírgo Ma-rí- a.

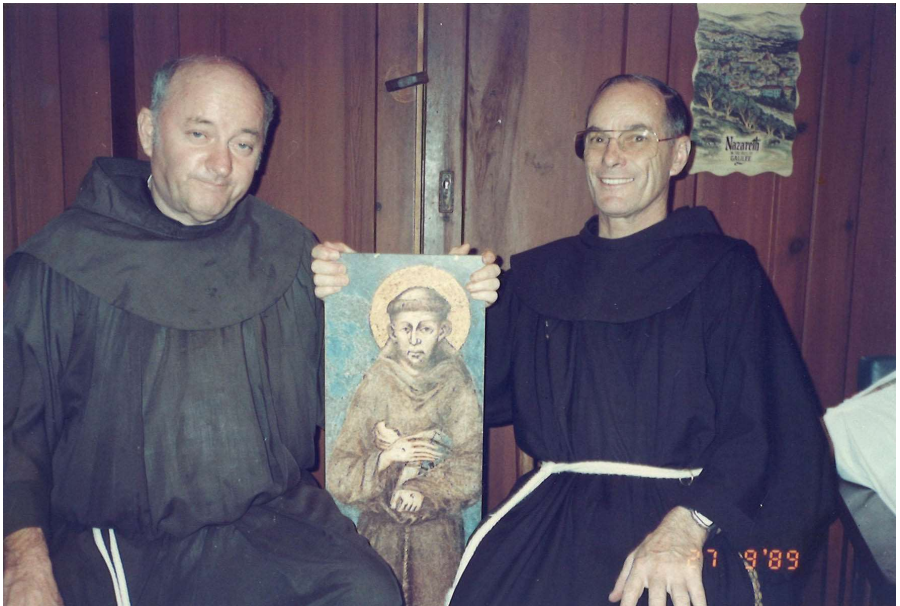






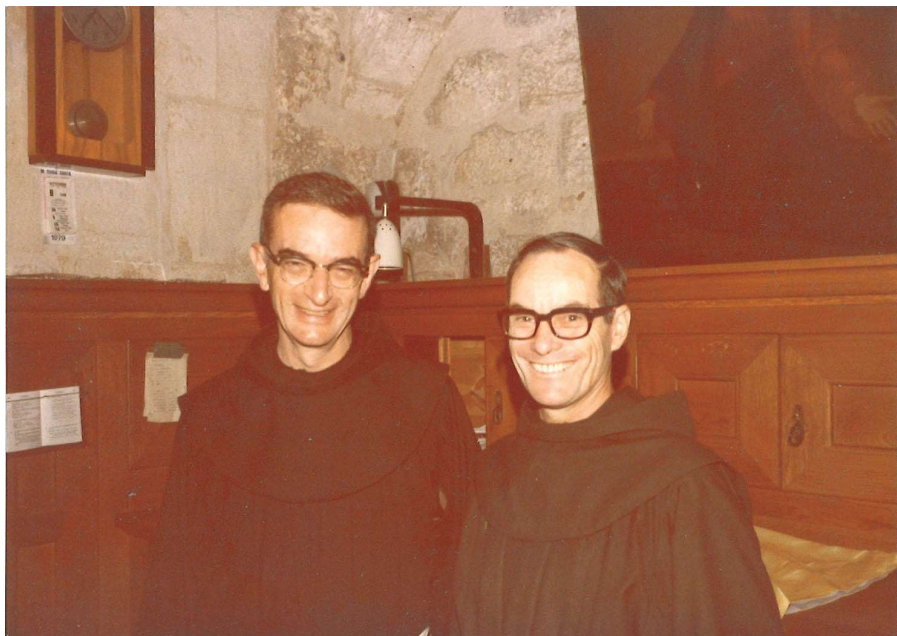


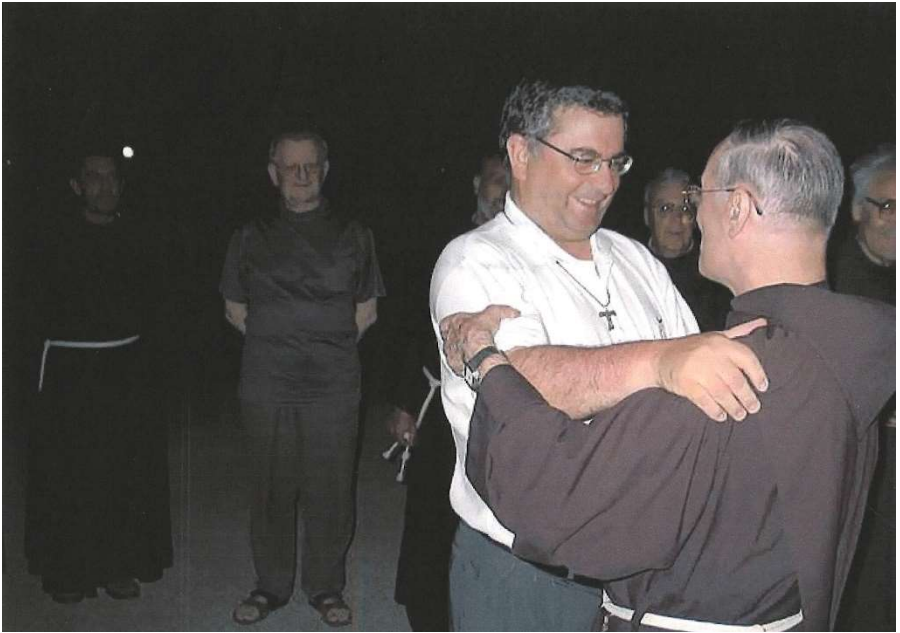
























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