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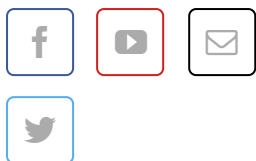
Brother Harold Harvers, O.S.F.

AFTER 52 YEARS AS A FRANCISCAN, BROTHER HAROLD HARVERS, OSF, DIED ON AUGUST 24TH, 2004. SON OF GEORGE A. AND ANN V. (NEE) KONTRYN, YOUNG GEORGE ENTERED ST. ANTHONY'S JUNIORATE FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH AND RECEIVED THE HABIT, AS BROTHER HAROLD, ON JANUARY 28TH, 1952. HE WAS PROFESSED ON AUGUST 25TH 1954, AND WAS FINALLY PROFESSED ON AUGUST 25TH, 1957. BROTHER HAROLD RECEIVED THE B.A. DEGREE FROM ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE IN 1968 AND COMPLETED 18 CREDITS TOWARD THE MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE AT SUNY, STONYBROOK. BROTHER HAROLD SPENT 20 YEARS TEACHING IN SIX OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OF THE BROTHERS. HE LOVED THE SIMPLICITY OF THAT LIFE AND OFTEN SPOKE WITH AFFECTION OF HIS YEARS IN THE GRADES. HE BEGAN HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL IN 1975, AS AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, SPORTS MODERATOR, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA, AND TEACHER OF ENGLISH FROM 1984 TO 1994. AFTER RETIRING FROM ACTIVE TEACHING, BROTHER HAROLD BECAME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO PATIENTS IN THE LOCAL VETERANS HOSPITAL UNTIL HIS BODY BEGAN TO FAIL HIM, AND HE COULD NO LONGER WORK BECAUSE OF HIS ILL HEALTH. AS THE BROTHER WHO WROTE HAROLD'S OBITUARY FOR HIS FUNERAL MASS, EXPRESSED IT: BROTHER HAROLD WAS A SIMPLE MAN, WHO, IN HIS RETIREMENT, LIKED NOTHING BETTER THAN TO SPEND A DAY FISHING, GARDENING, DOING A CROSSWORD PUZZLE, LISTENING TO A METS GAME OR A JOHNNY MATHIS CD. BUT THE DAUNTING NATURE OF LIFE MADE HIM ANXIOUS. HIS SIMPLICITY AND ANXIETY SOMETIMES MADE HIM INCAPABLE OF NEGOTIATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF HUMAN

RELATIONSHIPS. HOWEVER, EVEN IN HIS ILLNESS HAROLD WAS FAITHFUL TO COMMON PRAYER AND MEALS.

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