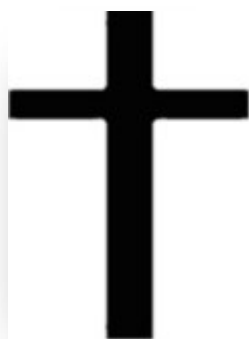


# Brother Joseph Wilhelm

1922 - 2011



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## Wilhelm

Brother Joseph (Lorian Josephus) Wilhelm, 89, died on September 6, 2011 at Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas, KY. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 69 years, he was born Raymond Carl, the son of Raymond and Anna Marie (Mueller) Wilhelm in Covington, KY. He graduated from Newport Catholic High School and entered the novitiate of the Christian Brothers in 1942 in Glencoe, MO. He pronounced his final vows in 1948 at Beaver Island, MI. Brother Joseph earned a B.S.S. degree in 1946 from Saint Mary's College (now University) in Winona, MN, and an M.A. degree from the same college in 1954. During his years as a teacher he served in Chicago, IL., St. Paul, MN, Jefferson City, MO., Memphis, TN., and Santa Fe, NM. From 1963 to 1977 he taught at Newport Catholic High School where he was the head coach of wrestling and baseball and was inducted into the Newport

Catholic Hall of Fame. Later he served at St. Henry High School, Erlanger, KY., St. Joseph Villa, LaSalle High School, Cincinnati, and Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria, KY. He retired in 1986 to St. Anne Convent as Chaplain in Residence in Melbourne, KY. In 2004 he moved to Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas. Survivors include three sisters, Celeste Hollowell, Erlanger, KY., Rita Braun, Highland Heights, KY., and Dorothy Calahan, Deer Park, OH. Visitation will be Sunday, September 11, 2011, 5:00-7:00 pm at Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Fort Thomas. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, September 12, 2011, 10:00 am at St. Joseph Church, Cold Spring, KY. Interment, St. Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas. Memorials are requested to the De La Salle Christian Brothers Retirement Fund, 7650 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527 or to Carmel Manor, 100 Carmel Manor Rd., Fort Thomas, KY. 41075. On-line condolences may be sent to: [www.dmefuneral.com](http://www.dmefuneral.com)

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September 24, 2011

As my gray matter fades to another color, thoughts of 4 years at Cretin are still dominant. Br. Josephus was fantastic, bringing that dead language to some sort of life. I thought the Dungeon and 3 strikes was verbal bombast

but very good for the adrenalin system. Loved the time there as a kid growing to young manhood. Thanks Br. Josephus for your guidance and push.

Jim Sweeney, '60

September 17, 2011

My first year at Cretin High School, St. Paul, MN, Brother Josephus was one of my teachers. He was a real blessing in my life. I still remember his dedication and his kindness towards me. He was the potter in God's hands in that first formative year for me. He was a wonderful role model. He was respected by all. Mike Sexton, Cretin Class of 1959.

**Michael H. Sexton**

September 15, 2011

Thank you, Brother Josephus. You were a persistently patient Latin teacher. Your role as a disciplinarian was legend, fortunately most of us escaped "three checks" and the ultimate consequences...God speed!

Ed Nightingale '59

September 15, 2011

Brother Josephus is the one brother that I will always remember from my four years at Cretin. If God needs someone to keep the angels inline he got the right guy. They will find out about the three check system. One trip to the locker room to meet with Brother Josephus was enough. For some reason when ever I see a goalie stick I get a pain in my back side.

Bro. Joe was a great teacher and always encourage us to do better. Bro Joe taught us how to lift weights after school. I believe he may have started the Cretin wrestling program.

Bro Joe, thank you for being a great teacher and friend. God's gain is our loss.

Tim Valento Cretin 63

September 14, 2011

Brother Joe is in heaven looking after all of us. I was so fortunate to meet Bro. in 7th grade as Bro. got to know many of the guys from Holy Spirit grade school.

Bro. Joe's influence on me continued all my life. Each year we would talk on the phone 2-3 times and when the conversations were completed I always felt great and that I was so lucky to have a friend like Bro. Joe. Bro. you are in my prayers and all of us from Cretin know that you will be looking after us and probably even have the check system in place.....how I hated that dreaded check system and the chance that I would have the goalie stick applied.

I will remember your humility and saintlyness for all my life.

Tom Troskey ----Cretin 1963

September 13, 2011

I praise and thank God for the devotion to his students that Bro. Josephus showed us at Cretin. Frank Buchmeier, class of '59 (Now Fr. Mun-su Park, S.J., missionary in Korea)

**Francis Mun-su Park, S.J.**

September 13, 2011

I remember Brother Josephus as humble, holy man at Cretin High in 1962. He set an example that all young people should strive to attain. Rest in Peace, Brother.

**Bill Tschida**

September 13, 2011

He's in my prayers. I'm Cretin class of '65

**Patrick Dignan**

September 13, 2011

May Br. Joseph rest in peace after many years in the vineyard!

Br. Michael Kadow, Racine WI

September 13, 2011

## Michael Sarka, Cretin High School Class of 1962

What an impressive career of education Br. Josephus built and I was honored to have him as a teacher in my first two years at Cretin. He was a strong disciplinarian and exacting in what was expected, good advice for myself as I entered adulthood. To his family and friends I share in admiring this exceptional educator and continue to live by his example.

### **Michael Sarka**

September 13, 2011

Thanks Brother..for the life lessons and the Latin.  
What a privilege it was for Cretin students to know and learn from you.

### **Tom Olin**

September 12, 2011

Brother Joe had a gift of being able to relate to others and eliminate any age barrier that might otherwise exist. To this day I remain impressed by the number of former students and players that would ask about him and fondly recall his presence at Newport Catholic. Most could recite his typical "you score" or their own Br. Joe branded nickname. Guys like Birken-showers (Birkenhauer), Gross-ie-eh (Grosser), Weedie-bran (Weidemann), Denton (Deaton), Stoney Joe, or my own, Brawny-lad. Many made a point to visit at Carmel Manor, or St. Anne's, deliver a holiday ham, or buy his ticket/seek him out at NCC's annual Hall of Fame banquet, for which we are grateful. Please know that these gestures and his great memories stayed in his heart always.

The Reds and Notre Dame have a new fan in heaven. We will miss him;  
GO IRISH!

In loving memory, Greg NC 77, Sharon, David & Alex Braun; Michael NC 76, & Margaret Braun and Chelsea; John C. NC 44 & Rita Braun; In Memory: John T. Braun NC 74

### **Greg Braun**

September 12, 2011

"Sporting 2." He was a good man who taught me Latin for two years at Cretin and also coached our "B squad" football team in 1960. He will be missed by many of his former students.

### **Dave Mordorski**

September 12, 2011

I was taught by brother Josephus during my freshman year at Cretin. He was a fine man, very disciplined, and well prepared. Out of all the instructors I had at Cretin, he stands out. Rest in peace, brother.

### **Terry Donohue**



September 12, 2011

I was proud to be the third brother in my family to have had the pleasure of being at Cretin while Brother Josephus taught there, (John,55) (Mike, 56) and (Kerry, 63) although a stern disciplinarian, he was soft spoken super likeable guy. He only had to tell you once and you knew next time it was "Knodle see me after class ", yes brother. Kerry Knodle "63" (Apple Valley, Mn)

September 12, 2011

Excellence is the word that sticks when fondly remembering Bro Josephus. Whether in football, Latin, or wrestling, you brought out the best in each of us. Tears that well are joyous as well as sad, since we know you have reached the final awards ceremony. Thank you Brother for an exemplary life.

- Cretin H.S. '66

### **Terry McCall**

September 12, 2011

Growing up near Cretin High School, I got to know Brother Josephus even before I attended the school. He was a dedicated Christian Brother, a solid teacher, and a fine man. He was an important influence on my life and I can only image how many hundreds more can say the same thing.

Know of my prayers for Brother and his family.

### **Thomas Mich '61**

September 12, 2011

Brother Josephus had a very powerful, positive impact on all of us at Cretin. He served us well by teaching us much about hard work and discipline. May he rest in peace.

**Glenn Beggin**

September 12, 2011

My favorite Christian Brother. He taught me two years of Latin and it wasn't easy for either of us. Bill Curran, Cretin class of '59.

September 12, 2011

Sorry for your loss. Cretin '59

**John Walkosz**

September 12, 2011

"God Speed" to Brother Josephus and much gratitude for your dedication to teaching. we learned much from you --- both scholastically and about life.

Terry Votel ---- Cretin High School '60'

**Terry Votel**

September 12, 2011

I have good memories of Brother Joe and appreciate what he did for me during my years at St Paul Cretin.

### **Martin Igo**

September 12, 2011

My deep sympathy and prayers to the community of Christian Brothers of St John Baptist De La Salle on our loss. Bro. was my teacher, coach and friend at Cretin in the 50s and a big reason we think of this school as the greatest in all the land. Rest in peace

### **Jim Murphy**

September 12, 2011

I'm still 'sporting two' - Brother Joe was among the Best!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

September 12, 2011

I had the pleasure of first meeting Brother Joe on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. This was when I was in high school back in 1990. At that time I was traveling by myself and he took me under his wing, like a father. After that, for many years, we spent at least one week a year together, camping down in the Great Smoky Mountains. He taught me the appreciation for the Smoky Mountains, for nature, shared with me his wealth and knowledge of plants, animals, food, and climate. He also introduced me to dehydrated bananas and to this day, I still have the dehydrator I bought to make my own dehydrated bananas. He taught me that eating the inside of an orange peel is healthier than the orange itself.

He told many stories of his former students, including one of Tim McCarver (of baseball fame). We was an amazing man! I just visited him at Caramel Manor a couple months ago and he got to meet my two sons for the first time. I rank him right up there with my own father. He will be missed but never forgotten.

### **Geoff Hammerle**

September 12, 2011

I still remember Latin from 1959. Also your 3 check method of discipline. Thank you for the lessons and foundations you taught me.

Ted Tschida

### **Ted Tschida**

September 12, 2011

I am really sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Bro. Gus Sinco

### **Gus Sinco**

September 11, 2011

I visited with Brother Joe several times during my service in the Midwest District. He was a unique man and we always had a lively, interesting conversations. I met Rita and John also. I am away on sabbatical but am thinking about him and praying for all of you. Brother Francis Carr

September 11, 2011

Know that we are remembering Brother Joseph and family members in our prayers here at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. May he rest in the eternal peace of Christ!

**Bro. Thomas Sullivan**

September 11, 2011

When I was Provincial, I had a chance to visit with Brother Joseph from time to time. When going to a restaurant for lunch, I would marvel how well liked he was by so many people we would meet. He served for a long time as a Brother. May God bless him

**Brother Thomas Johnson**

September 11, 2011

New Life New Hope for Brother Joseph.

**Brother Bede Baldry, FSC**

September 11, 2011

To the family of Br Joseph,

I did not know Br Joseph, but I'm certain he was a good man who served many years and did a good deal of fine work.

Prayers, sympathy, and only good wishes,

Br Tom Dupre'

**Br Tom Dupre'**

September 10, 2011

Although a good number of years have gone by, I have been on the same teaching staff with Brother Joseph at three different locations. He was with me in Memphis during his later years in the apostolate; he served in the social studies and physical education departments. There were also two summers when I shared experiences with him: in Newport, Kentucky when he and I were involved in the summer school program AND at La Salle High School when I was preparing for my exams for my Master's degree. Each Saturday during that summer the community would visit a State Park in Kentucky and Brother Joseph was our guide as to what the great State of Kentucky offered AND he made sure we knew how great the person of Daniel Boone was. He also let us know that the Cincinnati Reds was the only ball team worth following. Indeed I do have fond memories of those past days. May he rest in peace.

**Brother Richard Geimer**

September 10, 2011

Please be assured of remembrance in prayer of Brother Joseph. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Brother William Woeger, FSC

September 10, 2011

Dear Family of Brother Joseph;

I had Brother Josephus, in those days, as a young man in High School, Cretin in St. Paul, Mn. where Brother taught Latin and Religion. He taught me Latin and while, a good teacher of content he ensured discipline with a three check and your out! The discipline was a paddle with three swats. Naturally, given, the punishment we maintained good discipline and ensured we wouldn't strike out!

Brother lived a good and holy life and now, he has received his reward as he comes to his creator and begins to enjoy his life eternal!

My thoughts and prayers are with you the family and friends!

Blessings in Abundance,  
Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut, FSC

September 10, 2011

I have good memories of Brother Joseph. He was one of my teachers at Cretin High School when I was a student there from 1956 to 1960. I have had a high regard for him.

**Brother Robert Thomas, FSC**

September 9, 2011

Brother Robert R. Wilsbach, FSC  
St. Mary's Hall, 7018 Boyer ST  
Philadelphia PA 19119-1804

The family of Brother Joseph Wilhelm

Dear Rita, Celeste, Dorothy, and members of the Wilhelm families:

I was saddened to learn of the death of your dear brother & our dear Brother, Joseph Wilhelm, FSC. At times such as these, words are unable to carry the full message of comfort and consolation which we want them to bear, but they are all we have. Having experienced the death of my father in 1995, I am aware of the deep emotions which accompany such a loss. Be sure of continued remembrance of him in my prayers and those of all the Brothers.

May the Lord continue to hold you and all your family in the hollow of his hand and may you find his comforting presence in the silent power of prayer, in the wisdom of the Scripture, the nourishment of the Eucharist, the beauty of the liturgy, and in all his holy people gathered round you to help you.

I join my voice to the ancient hymn of the early Church:

May the angels lead him into Paradise.  
May the martyrs come and welcome him on his way  
And lead him into the holy city, Jerusalem.  
May the choirs of angels welcome him.  
And with Lazarus, who once was poor,  
May he have everlasting life. Amen.

I close with the traditional prayer which we Brothers have prayed for over three hundred years:

Live Jesus in our hearts--Forever.

With sympathy and promise of prayers,  
Your Brother,

**Brother Robert Wilsbach, FSC**

September 9, 2011



My sympathy to Brother Joseph's family. I got to know him when I went to Carmel Manor to visit my father. We had many interesting talks and I always looked forward to seeing what the next conversation would be about. He will be missed.

September 9, 2011

Brother Josephus, lived a holy and sanctified life. He is an example of a man who lived his professed vows. More men like him are needed!

**patrick mccauley**

September 8, 2011

Our love and sympathy to Bro Joe's family. He was a good man who shared his love of nature with many.

**Bev Drye**

September 8, 2011

Brother Joseph, I miss the talks and the spirited debates we had. What impressed me was your ability to teach, and your ability to look past wrongdoings and forgive. May you rest in peace.

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