REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED SERVANTS AND APOSTLES

“Those who teach others unto justice shall shine like stars for all eternity.”
Book of Daniel, 12:3

We pray for eternal rest upon our Brothers who have died within the last year. We also remember our affiliated members, colleagues, friends, students, family and benefactors who have died.

May perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Brother Owen Meegan  3/21/42 – 12/29/07  (48 years a Brother)
Brother Martin Michuda  8/18/22 -2/2/08  (68 years a Brother)
Brother L. Peter Dannecker  5/9/20 – 2/20/08  (67 years a Brother)
Brother Bernard Zacheis  4/15/24 – 2/29/08  (66 years a Brother)
Brother Eamon Gavin  8/26/24 – 3/11/08  (65 years a Brother)
Brother Vincent Malham  6/17/34 - 5/2/08  (53 years a Brother)
Brother Mark Gault  5/28/18 – 8/10/08  (72 years a Brother)
Brother Kevin Mackay  5/26/15 – 8/22/08  (75 years a Brother)
Brother Leo Gilskey  10/20/16 - 9/06/08  (73 years a Brother)
Brother Adrian Powers  4/10/17 – 9/29/08  (69 years a Brother)
Brother Norman McCarthy  4/2/38 - 10/13/08  (53 years a Brother)

PRESENCE of GOD

United with all the faithful on earth, the souls of those who have died, and the saints in heaven, we pause and praise You, O God, for the Gift of Your presence in our lives. You have called us and we belong to You. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

REVELATIONS 2

We thank you, Lord God Almighty, Who are and Who were, that You have taken up Your great power and begun to reign.

The nations were angered, but Your anger came, the time for the dead to be judged, the time to reward the prophets and saints, Your servants, and those who feared Your name, both great and small.

Now have come the salvation and might and kingdom of our God, and the power of His Anointed, for the accuser of our brothers has been brought down, who accused them day and night in the sight of God.

But they vanquished him through the blood of the Lamb and through their own witness. They did not cling to life, even in the face of death. Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
PRAYER BEFORE the SCRIPTURE READINGS

May we hear Your Word, O Lord, and believe in the One Who sent You.
May we come to You and have life.

SIRACH 44

Now will we praise those godly men, our ancestors, each in his own time.
Some of them have left behind a name and men recount their praiseworthy deeds;
But of others there is no memory, for when they ceased, they ceased.
Yet these also were godly men whose virtues have not been forgotten;
Their bodies are peacefully laid away, but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praise.
They observed the precepts of the Most High, and entered into an agreement with Him and were found loyal.

2 TIMOTHY 4: 5-8

But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.
I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for His appearance.

JOHN 12: 24-26

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
REFLECTION OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE: Meditation 16

The work of each one, that is of those who have labored on the building of the Church, says the Apostle, will be made known on the day of the Lord, because fire will be the test of the work of each one, (especially those who have instructed children and formed them to piety); those who have formed them in the Christian spirit will be seen, and those who have procured for them a solid piety. Such teachers will easily be distinguished from others who will not have trained their disciples in any good practice, and who will have been negligent in guiding them. The one whose work will survive, says the Apostle, that is, the one whose disciples will have acquired a strong piety through the teacher’s effort and concern, will be rewarded in proportion to his work.

Consider, then, that your reward in heaven will be all the greater as you will have accomplished more good in the souls of the children who are entrusted to your care. It is in this spirit that Saint Paul told the Corinthians: You will be our glory in the time to come on the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ah! what a thrill of joy you will have when you hear the voices of those whom you have led as if by the hand into heaven, who will say to you on the day of judgment, as well as in heaven itself ... these men are servants of the great God, Who have proclaimed to us the way of salvation.

Then they will represent the good you have done among them. Some will represent to Jesus Christ on the day of judgment the robe of innocence you helped them keep in all its purity. Others who have committed sin, and who with your help have washed away their sins in the blood of the Lamb, will represent to Him the trouble you took to lead them back on the path of salvation.

All of them will join their voices to obtain for you a favorable judgment from Jesus Christ, praying Him not to delay putting you in possession of the happiness you procured for them by your work and your concern. Oh! what glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven!

Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Lord, look with kindness and love upon our Brothers who have died.

Grant them eternal rest for their faith, vowed lives and dedicated good works.

Lord, through the example of these recently deceased Brothers;
May our youth of today be inspired to lead lives like theirs.

We remember all of the Faithful Departed especially our families, friends, colleagues and students.

May the angels greet them; the martyrs welcome them, and all the saints escort them to the New Jerusalem where they will enjoy Your eternal presence, Lord.

Lord, look with kindness and compassion on those who suffer and those who go uneducated.

Send more laborers into Your vineyard to bring the Good News and gladden the hearts of all people.
PRAYER
O God, we praise You and give thanks for our recently deceased Brothers whose faithful witness reveals Your gracious love. Hear our humble prayers and grant them as only You know what is best for us. Blessed be the will of God in our regard.

DAY IS DONE
Tell me why you're crying, my son
I know you're frightened, like everyone
Is it the thunder in the distance you fear?
Will it help if I stay very near?
I am here.
Refrain:
And if you take my hand my son
All will be well when the day is done.
And if you take my hand my son
All will be well when the day is done.
Day is done, Day is done
Day is done, Day is done
Do you ask why I'm sighing, my son?
You shall inherit what mankind has done.
In a world filled with sorrow and woe
If you ask me why this is so, I really don't know.
(Refrain)
Tell me why you're smiling my son
Is there a secret you can tell everyone?
Do you know more than men that are wise?
Can you see what we all must disguise through your loving eyes?
(Refrain)
Peter Yarrow -Silver Dawn Music - ASCAP

Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
help us to live holy and dedicated lives
as we instruct those entrusted to our care.

Live Jesus in our hearts.
Forever!