



## Redemptus J. Short

November 26, 1917 - November 13, 2010

Fr. Redemptus of the Cross, OCD, was Born to Eternal Life on Nov. 13, 2010 at Alexian Village at the age of 92. He was born John Short in the West End of Boston, MA on November 26, 1917 to Patrick and Mary (nee Burns) Short. After a brief stint with the Congregation of the Holy Cross, he entered the Discalced Carmelite Order at Holy Hill on Oct. 14, 1940, taking the name Redemptus of the Cross. He made profession as a Discalced Carmelite Friar on Oct. 15, 1941 and was ordained to the priesthood in Washington, DC on June 10, 1947. He served as Student Master, Rector, Sub-Prior and parish priest. He served the Order in Brookline, MA and Waverly, NY. In addition, he was stationed at St. Florian Parish in West Milwaukee for 27 years, and the National Shrine (now Basilica) of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill for 26 years. Out of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he helped found the All-Night Vigil in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and served as its Clerical Moderator for over 45 years. His gentle warmth and kindness touched everyone who ever met him. Even his childhood friends thought he was outstanding in virtue, especially kind and generous.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law Mary and David Marra, and nephew Christopher Press. Father Redemptus is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Alice and Fred Press,

nephews David (Rosanne) and Peter (Diane) Press and nieces Kathleen DiMasi and Pauline Marra, other relatives, many friends and the Discalced Carmelite Friars with whom he lived for 70 years.

Visitation 11 AM – 3 PM Sat., Nov. 27 at St. Florian Church, 1233 S. 45 St., West Milwaukee, and 3:30 – 8 PM Sun., Nov. 28 at Holy Hill Basilica, with Evening Prayer at 5 PM. Visitation also 9-11 AM Mon., Nov. 29 at Holy Hill. Mass of Resurrection to follow at 11 AM. Burial to follow at the Carmelite Cemetery Holy Hill. Memorials to the Basilica of Holy Hill appreciated. The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home is serving the Order of Discalced Carmelites at Holy Hill. [www.berndt-ledesma.com](http://www.berndt-ledesma.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending all of our prayers and love to the family and friends of Father John. Father John was a gentle presence in our lives as we grew up. He was the brother of our beloved Aunt Mary and Uncle Dave...and we loved to spend time with him when he would visit. I can still hear him singing with my Uncles and my Papa around the dining room table. Father John was present on the altar at my wedding and he held my daughter Mariah and blessed her at her baptism. He truly walked with Christ and radiated His love and joy to all he met. Father John was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin. I have no doubt he is with her now in paradise. With all of our love, Tina, Matt, Mariah & Amanda...also sending love from my parents Bobby and Madeline Keogh and my grandparents Ralph and Mary Mele*

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**Tina-Marie Talvi** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM