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*We Recommend Our Departed Brothers and Sisters
to the Prayers of the Monks and Nuns of the Order*

07/2024 - 12/2024

Nazareth

July 12, 2024: **Sister Lisbet Goyvaerts** was born in 1925 in Deurne (Belgium). She was a religious of the *Sisters of the Christian Schools* before entering O. L. of Nazareth Abbey - Brecht in 1969 where she made solemn profession in 1974. Sister was 98 years old and had been in monastic vows for 54 years when the Lord called her.

Alloz

July 29, 2024: **Sister Cruz Nazabal Jaca** was born in 1932 in Berástegui, Guipúzcoa (Spain). She entered Alloz in 1955 and made her solemn profession in 1960. Sister was 91 years old and had been in monastic vows for 68 years when the Lord called her.

Conyers

August 02, 2024: **Father Thomas Francis Smith** was born in 1927 in Baltimore, Maryland (USA). He was a member of the *Xaverian Brothers* before entering Conyers in 1951. He made his solemn profession in 1956 and was ordained a priest in 1958. Father was 95 years old, had been in monastic vows for 71 years and 66 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Holy Trinity / Gethsemani

August 09, 2024: **Father Casimir Bernas** was born in 1930 in Chicago (USA). He entered Holy Trinity in 1949, made his solemn profession in 1955 and was ordained a priest in 1958. In 2017, after the Monastery of Holy Trinity closed, he changed stability to Gethsemani. Father was 94 years old, had been in monastic vows for 72 years and 66 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Val d'Igny

August 15, 2024: **Sister Agnès Noël** was born in 1940 in Seclin (France). She was a religious of the *Filles du Saint-Esprit* before entering the Abbey of N.-D. de Belval in 1982, where she made her solemn profession in 1986. Sister was 84 years old and had been in monastic vows for 41 years when the Lord called her.

Val Notre-Dame

August 25, 2024: **Father Marcel Gagné** was born in 1929 in Cap-Chat, Quebec (Canada). He entered Oka/ Val Notre-Dame in 1949, made his solemn profession in 1955 and was ordained a priest in 1955. Father was 94 years old, had been in monastic vows for 73 years and 68 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Bamenda

August 28, 2024: **Father Michael Ewang** was born in 1947 in Muambong (Cameroon). He entered Bamenda in 1970, made his solemn profession in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1997. Father was 77 years old, had been in monastic vows for 51 years and 27 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Nazareth

August 31, 2024: **Sister Eliza Rutten** was born in 1927 in Hamont (Belgium), she entered Soleilmont Abbey in 1946. In 1950 she joined the group of foundresses of the N.-D. Nazareth Abbey where she made her solemn profession in 1954. Sister was 97 years old and had been in monastic vows for 75 years when the Lord called her.

Huerta

September 03, 2024: **Father Agustín Romero Redondo** was born in 1936 in Puebla del Príncipe, Ciudad Real (Spain). He entered Huerta in 1955, made his solemn profession in 1960 and was ordained a priest in 1962. Father was 87 years old, had been in monastic vows for 66 years and 62 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Campénéac

September 03, 2024: **Sister Monique Urvoy** was born in 1936 in Loudéac (France). She entered Campénéac in 1958 and made her solemn profession in 1963. In 1996, she left with a group of foundresses of Ampibanjinana (Madagascar), and she returned to Campénéac in 2015. Sister was 88 years old and had been in monastic vows for 63 years when the Lord called her.

Prairies / Val Notre-Dame

September 04, 2024: **Brother Nestor Lesyk** was born in 1933 in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada). He entered the Abbey de Notre-Dames des Prairies in 1962 and made his solemn profession in 1968. After the suppression of the Prairies monastery in 2020, he changed stability to Val Notre-Dame. Brother was 90 years old and had been in monastic vows for 59 years when the Lord called him.

Géronde

September 11, 2024: **Sister Marie-Agnes Antonin** was born in 1930 in Vétroz (Switzerland). She entered Géronde in 1958 and made her solemn profession in 1963. Sister was 94 years old and had been in monastic vows for 64 years when the Lord called her.

Rochefort

September 13, 2024: **Brother Antoine Raaijmakers** was born in 1929 in Bergen-op-Zoom (Netherlands). He entered Rochefort (Belgium) in 1952 and made his solemn profession in 1958. Brother was 95 years old and had been in monastic vows for 69 years when the Lord called him.

New Melleray

September 13, 2024: **Brother Gilbert Cardillo** was born in 1940 in Mount Vernon, N.Y.(USA). He entered New Melleray in 1961 and made his solemn profession in 1967. Brother was 83 years old and had been in monastic vows for 61 years when the Lord called him.

Zundert

September 21, 2024: **Brother Gerard Van Wezel** was born in 1936 in Huijbergen (Netherlands). He entered Zundert in 1954 and made his solemn profession in 1960. Brother was 87 years old and had been in monastic vows for 67 years when the Lord called him.

Campénéac

September 25, 2024: **Sister Solenn Boëffard** was born in 1933 in Sarzeau (France). She entered Campénéac in 1984 and made her solemn profession in 1990. Sister was 90 years old and had been in monastic vows for 37 years when the Lord called her.

Mississippi

October 02, 2024: **Sister Joan Garrity** was born in 1940 in Kansas City, Missouri (USA). She entered Wrentham in 1961 and was one of the foundresses of Mississippi Abbey in 1964. She made her solemn profession in 1970. Sister was 84 years old and had been in monastic vows for 60 years when the Lord called her.

Les Gardes

October 05, 2024: **Sister Madeleine Prieur** was born in 1929 in Saint Raphaël (France). She was perpetually professed in the *Carmelite Order of Moulins* before entering Les Gardes in 1969, where she made her solemn profession in 1974. Sister was 95 years old and had been in monastic vows for 68 years when the Lord called her.

Mellifont

October 09, 2024: **Brother Brian Berkeley** was born in 1951 in Dublin (Ireland). He entered Mellifont in 1984 and made his solemn profession in 1989. Brother was 73 years old and had been in monastic vows for 38 years when the Lord called him.

Prairies / Val Notre-Dame

October 11, 2024: **Father Jean-Baptiste Benoît** was born in 1938 in Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan (Canada). He entered Abbey de Notre-Dames des Prairies in 1961, made his solemn profession in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1967. After the suppression of the Prairies monastery in 2020, he changed stability to Val Notre-Dame. Father was 86 years old, had been in monastic vows for 60 years and 56 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Frattochie

October 16, 2024: **Father Cesare Mengalli** was born in 1935 in Sommacampagna, Verona (Italy). He was a member of *the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus* was ordained priest in 1965. He entered Frattochie in 1981 and made his solemn profession in 1984. Father was 88 years old, had been in monastic vows for 43 years and 59 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Tre Fontane

November 01, 2024: **Brother Michele Maria Di Mattia** was born in 1938 in Massa d'Albe, L'Aquila (Italy). He entered Tre Fontane in 1996 and made his solemn profession in 2003. Brother was 86 years old and had been in monastic vows for 24 years when the Lord called him.

Gethsemani

November 05, 2024: **Brother Christian Leblanc** was born in 1946 in Lynn, Massachusetts (USA). He entered Gethsemani in 1974 and made his solemn profession in 1979. Brother was 77 years old and had been in monastic vows for 48 years when the Lord called him.

Glencairn

November 07, 2024: **Sister Charlotte Josephine McNeill** was born in 1934 in Cushendall, Ballycastle (Ireland). She was a religious of the *Sisters of the Cross and Passion* before entering the St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn in 1983, where she made solemn profession in 1986. She had been Superior of the Makkhiad/ Kunnambetta community in India from 2000 to 2002. Sister was 90 years old and had been in monastic vows for 41 years when the Lord called her.

Rawaseneng

November 13, 2024: **Brother Petrus Migu Hayon** was born in 1941 in Lamika (Indonesia). He entered Rawaseneng in 1967 and made his solemn profession in 1976. Brother was 83 years old and had been in monastic vows for 51 years when the Lord called him.

Val d'Igny

November 18, 2024: **Sister Marie Gabrielle Liochon** was born in 1932 in Bourg (France). She entered the Abbey of N.-D. de La Grâce-Dieu in 1954 and made her solemn profession in 1959. Sister was 92 years old and had been in monastic vows for 68 years when the Lord called her.

Acey

November 03, 2024: **Brother Jacques Voilly** was born in 1940 in Chaumerenne, Haute-Saône (France). He entered Acey in 1964 and made his solemn profession in 1971. Brother was 84 years old and had been in monastic vows for 57 years when the Lord called him.

Les Gardes

December 06, 2024: **Sister Marguerite Auray** was born in 1934 in Carquefou, Loire Atlantique (France). She was perpetually professed in the *Congregation of the Sainte Famille de Grillaud* before entering Les Gardes in 1993 and made her commitment as an Oblate in the Community in 2003. Sister was 90 years old and had been an Oblate for 21 years when the Lord called her.

Jarabacoa

December 07, 2024: **Father Laureano Burciaga Soto** was born in 1934 in Canatlán (Mexico). He entered Viaceli, Spain, in 1959, made his solemn profession in 1964 and was ordained a priest in 1969. He was one of the founders of Sobrado in 1966, then he changed stability to Jarabacoa in 2006. Father was 90 years old, had been in monastic vows for 63 years and 55 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Mont des Cats

December 10, 2024: **Father Louis-Marie Varnier** was born in 1956 in Épernay (France). He entered Mont des Cats in 1980, made his solemn profession in 1986 and was ordained a priest in 2000. Father was 68 years old, had been in monastic vows for 42 years and 24 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Ajimu

December 20, 2024: **Sister Maria Emilia Fumiko Yamamoto** was born in 1933 in Nagasaki (Japan). She entered Nishinomiya in 1949 and made her solemn profession in 1955. She had been one of the foundresses of Miyako in 1982, and went to Ajimu with the community in 2001. Sister was 91 years old and had been in monastic vows for 72 years when the Lord called her.

Donnersberg

December 27, 2024: **Sister Praxedis Dalpke** was born in 1929 in Trier (Germany). She was solemnly professed at the Benedictine abbey of Mariendonk before entering Maria Frieden in 1967 and made her solemn profession in 1971. In 1984 she went to Donnersberg for the foundation, where she was the first superior until 2006. Sister Praxedis was 95 years old and had been in monastic profession for 71 years when the Lord called her.
