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**Our
Departed
Brothers
and Sisters...**

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

01/2025 - 06/2025

Vitorchiano

January 07, 2025: **Sister Chiara Picierro** was born in 1981 in Stigliano (Italy). She entered Vitorchiano in 2007 and made her solemn profession in 2013. Sister was 43 years old and had been in monastic vows for 14 years when the Lord called her.

Alloz

January 10, 2025: **Sister Remedios Ruiz Garín** was born in 1941 in Cirauqui, Navarra (Spain). She entered Alloz in 1961 and made her solemn profession in 1968. Sister was 83 years old and had been in monastic vows for 60 years when the Lord called her.

Oelenberg / Engelszell / Nový Dvůr

January 18, 2025: **Dom Hubert Bony** was born in 1938 in Dijon (France). He entered Oelenberg in 1961, made his solemn profession in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1972. He was Superior *ad nutum* of the Engelszell Abbey in Austria from 2017 to 2023. He was 86 years old, had been in monastic vows for 60 years and 52 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Blauvac / Chambarand

January 18, 2025: **Sister Gloria Smith** was born in 1925 in Reading (England). She was a religious of the Congregation of the Sisters of *Sainte Marie Madeleine Postel* before entering Chambarand in 1966 and made her solemn profession in 1970. After the closure of Chambarand, she moved to the Ehpad in Lyon, having her stability in Blauvac. After the closure of Chambarand, she changed her stability to Blauvac. Sister was 99 years old and had been in monastic vows for 58 years when the Lord called her.

Novo Mundo

January 19, 2025: **Dom Bernardo Bonowitz** was born in 1949 in New York City (USA). He had been a member of the *Society of Jesus*, was ordained a priest in 1979 before entering St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer in 1982, where he made his solemn profession in 1986. He came to Novo Mundo (Brazil) in 1996 and was Titular Prior from 1996 to 2008, then Abbot from 2008 until 2020. His resignation was accepted in 2020 because of health reasons. He stayed since his resignation because of health reasons in the abbey of Genesee. He was 75 years old, had been in monastic vows for 39 years and 46 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Assomption / Echourgnac

January 24, 2025: **Sister Jean Marie Howe** was born in 1927 in Massachusetts (USA). She entered Assomption in 1953 and made her solemn profession in 1959. She was Abbess of the community from 1978 to 1999. In 2024, after the closure of the Assomption community, she changed her stability to the

Abbey of Echourgnac in France. Sister was 97 years old and had been in monastic vows for 68 years when the Lord called her.

Imari

January 26, 2025: **Sister Lutgarda Itoh Kuniko** was born in 1934 in Akita (Japan). She entered Shindenbaru /Imari in 1959 and made her solemn profession in 1967. Sister was 90 years old and had been in monastic vows for 60 years when the Lord called her.

La Oliva

January 27, 2025: **Brother Carlos Domínguez Garde** was born in 1966 in Caparroso (Spain). He was a member of the *Hermanos Franciscanos de la Cruz Blanca* before entering La Oliva in 2022, and since March 2023 he was in the period of *Transitus* at the Abbey of La Oliva. Brother was 58 years old when the Lord called him.

Géronde

January 28, 2025: **Sister Marie-Nicole Granges** was born in 1940 in Fully (Switzerland). She entered the Bernardine monastery in Collombey in 1960 and made her solemn profession in 1964. She then joined Géronde in 1965 where she made her stability in 1967. Sister was 85 years old and had been in monastic vows for 64 years when the Lord called her.

Lantao

February 23, 2025: **Father Bruno Sie** was born in 1926 in Hebei (China). He entered Our Lady of Joy Abbey Lantao in 1946, made his solemn profession in 1952 and was ordained a priest in 1983. Father was 98 years old, had been in monastic vows for 75 years and 41 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Tenshien

March 08, 2025: **Sister Virginia Konno** was born in 1931 in Iwateken (Japan). She entered Tenshien in 1954 and made her solemn profession in 1961. Sister was 94 years old and had been in monastic vows for 67 years when the Lord called her.

Aiguebelle

March 12, 2025: **Father Roland Lacas** was born in 1936 in Sainte Lucie de Tallano, Corsica (France). He entered N.-D. des Neiges in 1969 where he made his solemn profession in 1974. In July 1974, he arrived in Tibhirine, changed his stability in 1976 and was ordained a priest in 1980. He changed his stability to N.-D. des Neiges again in 1990 and, in 2008, to Aiguebelle. Father was 88 years old, had been in monastic vows for 54 years and 44 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Echourgnac

March 15, 2025: **Sister Jean Baptiste Broillard** was born in 1931 in Beaupouyet (France). She entered Echourgnac in 1953 and made her solemn profession in 1958. Sister was 93 years old and had been in monastic vows for 69 years when the Lord called her.

Zundert

March 23, 2025: **Father Gilbert Langerwerf** was born in 1936 in Boxtel (Netherlands). He entered Zundert in 1955, made his solemn profession in 1960 and was ordained a priest in 1988. Father was 88 years old, had been in monastic vows for 67 years and 36 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Victoria

March 20, 2025: **Brother Ludovick Lugonzo** was born in 1968 in Kakamega (Kenya). He entered the community of Victoria at Kipkelion, Kenya, in 1999, but left in 2006 before making solemn profession. He entered again at O.L. Victoria, now transferred to Uganda, in 2023, and made first profession in 2025. Brother was 56 years old and had been in monastic vows for one year when the Lord called him.

Echourgnac

March 25, 2025: **Sister Irène Goepfert** was born in 1924 in Strasbourg (France). She entered Echourgnac in 1963 and made her solemn profession in 1969. Sister was 101 years old and had been in monastic vows for 59 years when the Lord called her.

Mepkin

April 10, 2025: **Brother Vincent Rohaley** was born in 1938 in Akron, Ohio (USA). He entered Mepkin in 1992 and made his solemn profession in 2002. Brother was 86 years old and had been in monastic vows for 29 years when the Lord called him.

Bonneval / Bon Conseil

April 20, 2025: **Sister Yvonne Bond** was born in 1930 in Rivière-au-Renard (Canada). She entered Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil in 1954 and made her solemn profession in 1959. After the canonical suppression of the community in 2022, her stability was transferred to Bonneval, the founding house. She died in the Augustinian house in Quebec, where the community is now located. Sister was 95 years old and had been in monastic vows for 69 years when the Lord called her.

Nishinomiya

April 27, 2025: **Sister Marina Hisamatu** was born in 1938 in Nagasaki (Japan). She entered Nishinomiya in 1959 and made her solemn profession in 1966. Sister was 86 years old and had been in monastic vows for 61 years when the Lord called her.

Bethlehem

April 28, 2025: **Brother Michael Mccourt** was born in 1946 in Newry, Co. Down (Ireland). He entered Bethlehem in 1963 and made his solemn profession in 1969. Brother was 79 years old and had been in monastic vows for 60 years when the Lord called him.

Laval

May 03, 2025: **Sister Aleth Pichereau** was born in 1936 in St. Aignan de Couptrain (France). She entered Laval in 1955 and made her solemn profession in 1960. Sister was 89 years old and had been in monastic vows for 67 years when the Lord called her.

Fons Pacis

May 08, 2025: **Sister Maria Rita Mantovani** was born in 1946 in Adria (Italy). She entered the Valserena Monastery in 1973 and made her solemn profession in 1979. Since 2005 she has been a member of the founding group of Fons Pacis (Syria). On this day of memory of the brothers of Tibhirine, she celebrated her true Pascha. Sister was 79 years old and had been in monastic vows for 49 years when the Lord called her.

Tamié

May 11, 2025: **Brother Jean-Pierre Hennes** was born in 1941 in Metz (France). He entered Tamié in 1976 and made his solemn profession in 1982. Brother was 84 years old and had been in monastic vows for 46 years when the Lord called him.

Genesee

May 25, 2025: **Brother Louis Petruska** was born in 1931 in Youngstown, Ohio (USA). He entered Genesee in 1980 and made his solemn profession in 1987. Brother was 93 years old and had been in monastic vows for 42 years when the Lord called him.

Mepkin

May 28, 2025: **Brother Paul Gosselin** was born in 1932 in Chicopee, Massachusetts (USA). He was an Assumptionists brother before entered Mepkin in 2002 and made his solemn profession in 2006. Brother was 92 years old and had been in monastic vows for 22 years when the Lord called him.

Fons Pacis

May 31, 2025: **Sister Maria Andreana Montisci** was born in 1945 in Villaverde (Italy). She entered the Valserena Monastery in 1968 and made her solemn profession in 1974. Since 2005 she has been a member of the founding group of Fons Pacis (Syria). On the feast of the Visitation, she entered eternal life. Sister was 79 years old and had been in monastic vows for 54 years when the Lord called her.

Tulebras

June 4, 2025: **Sister Aleyda Sanmartin Rubio** was born in 1927 in Borja (Spain). She entered the Tulebras Monastery in 1947 and made her solemn profession in 1952. Sister was 97 years old and had been in monastic vows for 73 years when the Lord called her.

Echourgnac / Assomption

June 09, 2025: **Mother Alfréda Gaudet** was born in 1947 in Collette, Nouveau-Brunswick (Canada). She entered Assomption in 1965 and made her solemn profession in 1971. She was superior ad nutum from 1999 and then, abbess from 2004 to 2022. After the closure of the Assomption community in 2024, she changed her stability to the Echourgnac Abbey in French. She was 78 years old and had been in monastic vows for 56 years when the Lord called her.

Val d'Igny

June 09, 2025: **Sister Dominique Seguin** was born in 1929 in Champvans (France). She entered the Abbey of N.-D. de La Grâce-Dieu in 1956 and made her solemn profession in 1962. Sister was 95 years old and had been in monastic vows for 66 years when the Lord called her.

Mount St. Bernard

June 24, 2025: **Father Anselm Stark** was born in 1931 in Birmingham (England). He entered Mount St. Bernard in 1954, made his solemn profession in 1959 and was ordained a priest in 1961. Father was 93 years old, had been in monastic vows for 68 years and 63 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Gedono

June 29, 2025: **Sister Maria Assunta Pinna** was born in 1947 in Castelsardo (Italy). She entered Vitorchiano in 1970 and made her solemn profession in 1976. In 1987, Sr. Assunta was one of the foundresses of the Pertapaan Gedono, Indonesia. Sister was 77 years old and had been in monastic vows for 52 years when the Lord called her.
