

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please pray for Fr Laurence McDermott of Mellifont Abbey, who died in the early hours of this morning.

Fr Laurence was born in Dublin in 1929, entered Mellifont Abbey in 1947, made first profession in 1949 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1954.

He was Regional Secretary for Formation for several years, and always had a keen interest in developments in Theology and Scripture studies.

He was superior ad nutum at Mellifont from 2011-12, during which time he attended the General Chapter at Assisi.

He suffered many serious health setbacks over the last 10 years of his life but always managed to keep going.

Having received excellent care in the monastery infirmary for a few years he spent his last year in a nursing home, where he died on 4 August 2016.

May he Rest in Peace.

Funeral Mass on Saturday, 6 August, at 12pm.

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