



Reverend Adrian Laible

November 21, 1932 - December 28, 2014

Father Adrian Laible, O.S.B.

1932-2014

Having been anointed by Abbot Michael and fortified with the grace of the sacraments, Father Adrian Laible, O.S.B., died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease at Valhaven Nursing Center in Valley, Nebraska on the evening of December 28, 2014, the feast of the Holy Family. While his death was not a surprise to us, as a monastic community it is always difficult when you lose one of your brother monks.

Father Adrian was born on a farm on November 21, 1932, in Stuart, Nebraska. His parents, Joseph and Rose Laible, gave their son the baptismal name of Bernard. He grew up and attended Saint Boniface Grade School in Stuart and Saint Joseph High School in Atkinson, Nebraska. After high school Father entered the novitiate at Conception Abbey in Missouri on September 7, 1952.

He professed his first vows as a monk on September 8, 1953 and took Adrian as his religious name. Once his theological studies were complete, he was ordained to the priesthood by John Cardinal Cody on May 27, 1958. He was soon assigned to the new monastic foundation of Mount Michael in Elkhorn, Nebraska. An article in the September, 1958, issue of the *Michaeleen* reports that Father Adrian came to Mount Michael that fall to begin his work at Saint John's Seminary "with the holy oils of ordination not yet dry upon his hands."

Any list of the jobs and positions Father Adrian held over the past years is bound to be incomplete. During his 61 years of monastic life he was appointed to many jobs and positions. He served for many years as a dean in the seminary. He was a teacher (history, social studies, economics) both in the seminary and later Mount Michael Benedictine. Over the years he was business manager, treasurer, director of food service, grounds keeper, director of junior monks and postulants. Of course, he also assisted in many parishes throughout the archdiocese as part of Mount Michael's pastoral mission work. His avocations were many. Above all he loved his stamp collecting--especially his collection of Vatican stamps. He also loved tending to bluebirds. He both fed the birds and built houses for them. It would be safe to say that at the height of Father Adrian's bird feeding days every bird in Douglas County ate at Mount Michael. As one of the monks

said, "Father Adrian feeds more birds than Saint Francis..."

Above all Father Adrian was a good monk. He tried to be as faithful as possible to not only his major assignments, but also those smaller day to day assignments that are so important to a monastery. He was extremely faithful to daily presence at the Divine Office and Mass. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's disease began to take hold about six years ago.

On hearing of the death of Father Adrian, a Mount Michael alumnus wrote "he was kind man, with a quick to smile when he saw you and a firm handshake. May he rest in peace." He was a good man and a good monk that will be remembered by all.

A wake service will be held at Mount Michael on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, in the presence on the monastic community, his family, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Adrian Laible*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I met Adrian at a particularly difficult time in my marriage. He was a great support and offered me wisdom that I could not see on my own. He was quick with a smile, and a dry humor remark that took me a second to get. He was especially kind to my son who was 3 years old at the time. Adrian would always send him a stuffed animal that my son would sleep with. My son remembers Adrian giving him a panda bear, polar bear, dog, etc. My son also remembers Adrian taking us to McDonalds on Saturday morning for breakfast, which my son enjoyed immensely. I remember a time when we were walking from the car to the McDonalds. I was holding my son's hand and he was in between Adrian and I. My son reached up to grab Adrian's hand, which he took. Adrian looked at me with a smile and a tear in his eye. It was one of those precious moments. I will miss Adrian, but I will never forget him. Neither will my son.*

Clive Hoffman

Washington, DC

(This may be read at the service if appropriate.)

Clive Hoffman - December 30, 2014 at 10:21 PM



“ *I will miss Father Adrian's sweet smile and kind spirit. May his light keep shining brightly with the angels.*

Jamie Baker/ Mt Michael Oblate - December 30, 2014 at 10:16 AM

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“ I am so very sad to read of Fr. Adrian's passing. He was high school dean when I was in Jr. College in 65-67. Fr. Ed. Tomasevich, CM and I were frequent visitors to him; playing cards and having a great time.

I'm sure the community will miss him and his simple/holy demeanor. I remember with fondness, seeing him on the tractor, mowing the grounds, etc.

*He was a quiet, holy, Benedictine monk. Adrian, we will miss you. I miss you.
Rest in peace.*

Len Sagenbrecht

Len Sagenbrecht - December 29, 2014 at 06:39 PM