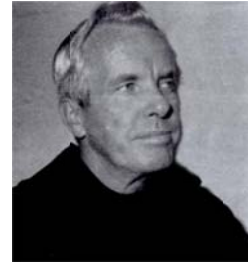


Reverend Patrick J. Bonner, OSB
May 31, 1933 – August 11, 2015



We recently received word of the death of Father Patrick James Bonner, 82, at his residence in Bayonet Point, Florida, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, following a brief battle with cancer. Father Bonner moved to the Diocese of St. Petersburg after his retirement in 2004, and provided assistance to St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Hudson, St. Theresa Parish, Spring Hill and St. Mary Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Masaryktown.

Father Bonner was born in Brooklyn, New York and later studied under the Benedictine Monks, professing his first vows in 1954. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Benedictine Order in 1959 in Paterson, New Jersey. During his 56 years as a priest, “Father Patrick,” as he was known, taught science to high school and seminary students and earned in M.A. degree in biology from Fordham University.

In addition, Father Bonner taught biology to the Zulu children in South Africa for 15 years, where he was instrumental in the distribution of food to the malnourished Zulu population. He returned to New Jersey, where he resumed teaching high school students, meanwhile providing weekend assistance to parishes until his retirement.

All funeral services will be held at St. Paul’s Abbey, Newton, New Jersey, with a Funeral Mass being celebrated on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a burial in Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Please keep the remaining family members of Father Bonner and his Benedictine confreres in your thoughts and prayers.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!