



**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
*(Revelation 14:13)***

December 10, 2008

Dear Father,

Our brother and fellow priest, Father John J. Burkhart, O.S.A., entered eternal life on December 8 at the age of 78.

Father Burkhart was born on January 6, 1930, in Reading, Pennsylvania, and ordained a priest for the Augustinian Order on February 4, 1956. After various assignments in and out of the United States, in 1979 he became Pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Grosse Pointe Park, MI, a position he held until 1985. In 1987, he began a career as counselor and clinical social worker.

Full obituaries can be found on-line at www.verheyden.org, and at www.midwestaugustinians.org.

Visitation will take place at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier (at Mack), Grosse Pointe Park, on Tuesday, December 16 from 4 until 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7 p.m. A second funeral Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Siena, Reading, PA, on December 19 (time is still pending). Burial will take place at Gethsemane Cemetery, Laureldale, PA.

In addition to our Augustinian community and many friends, he is also survived by a sister and a niece in Pennsylvania.

Condolences and/or memorial gifts may be sent to Augustinian Guild, Tolentine Center, 20300 Governors Highway, Olympia Fields, IL 60461-1011.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father Burkhart. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

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