

## *Beatification of the Spanish Martyrs*



The session of the theologians appointed to study the remaining 24 confrères martyred in Spain (in 1936-1937), on February 19, expressed a positive opinion regarding

the entire group of martyrs.

In the coming months, they will be examined by the Cardinals, and then it will be submitted to the Holy Father to sign the Decree

of Beatification, which is scheduled to take place on October 13, 2013 at Tarragona (Spain) at the conclusion of the Year of Faith.

Let us give thanks to Our Lord for these Brothers who unreservedly gave their lives to testify to their vocation and consecration to Hospitality at the service of the sick and all those in need, and let us pray that the process leading to their Beatification will proceed positively.

## *Vatican Pharmacy*



On Friday, April 5, Pope Francis celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, attended by the Brothers of the Community and a group of Co-workers from the Vatican Pharmacy.

Commenting on the readings for Friday in the Octave of Easter, the Holy Father emphasised the fact that the faithful “cannot

confess Jesus, we cannot speak about Jesus, and we cannot say anything about Jesus without the Holy Spirit.” For, “It is precisely the Holy Spirit who drives us on to confess Jesus or to talk about Jesus or to place our trust in Jesus, who is and will always be our path through life.”

He then noted the way in which people sometimes do not place their trust in Jesus but elsewhere when there are problems in our society, resorting perhaps to clairvoyants or tarot card readers; but salvation is to be found in “in the name of

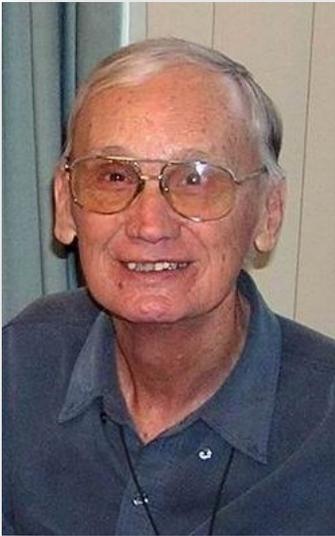
Jesus” alone, for He is our only saviour.

After Mass, Pope Francis spoke to some of the Brothers of St John of God. The Director and the Prior of the Community, Brother Rafael Cenizo, introduced them one at a time to the Holy Father who offered them words of encouragement.





## *Rest In Peace*



Damien John Walsh was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1937 to Edward and Elsie Walsh he was the youngest of three children. Damien attended St. Joseph's Primary School

and then went to the Christian Brothers School – St. Joseph's at Gregory Terrace, Queensland, where they found him honest, obedient and prayerful. Before entering the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God Damien considered the Divine Word Missionaries. The Provincial of this group wrote that Damien 'was a good Brother beyond reproach and deeply religious'. Brother Ephrem as he was known when he entered the Order, made his first Religious Profession on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1957.

Ephrem served in most ministries of the Province. In these ministries he was mainly involved in the area of teaching. Ephrem loved his family and his

various visits to them he looked forward to with great eagerness. He would always have photos and stories to tell on his return.

Ephrem for many years suffered with cancer. Even when he was admitted to St. Joseph's at Auburn he thought at the early stage of the admission he would return to his home. He had overcome the illness so many times before but this time it was not to be. He had commenced his final journey. It was obvious that he needed more care than he was receiving. He knew he was dying. He said that he did not have a fear of death but the pain was difficult. Ephrem trusting in his heavenly mother has now returned to the Father's house where there are many rooms. He died on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## *Brother Fabian Hynes*

Brother Fabian Hynes died on June 24.

Brother Fabian, whose baptismal name was Geoffrey Maurice, was born in Sydney on November 23, 1927. He graduated in Pharmacy from Sydney University in 1948 and entered Hospitaller Order as a Postulant on June 1, 1950; that same year he joined the Morisset Novitiate where he stayed until December 8, 1951, when he made his First Profession. He made his Solemn Profession on December 12, 1954.

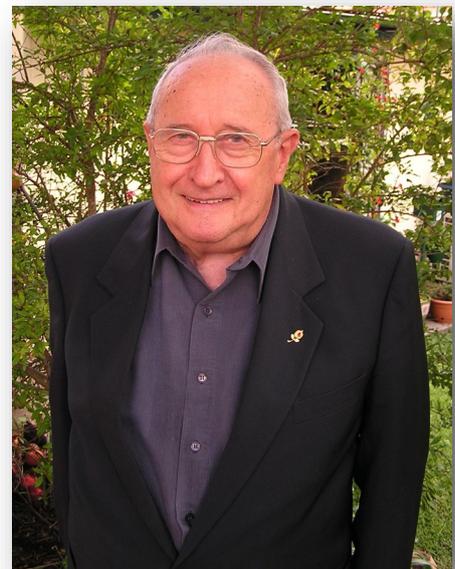
In 1955, Fr Mosè Bonardi, the Prior General of the Order at the time, invited him to Tiber Island Hospital

in Rome, and in 1956 he was appointed to manage the Vatican Pharmacy, where he remained until 2006. He was twice elected Superior of the Vatican Pharmacy Religious Community.

At the 1970 General Chapter he was elected Second General Councillor and in 1976, the General Chapter appointed him First General Councillor and Procurator General. He remained Procurator General until 2006.

In 2006 he finally left the Vatican Pharmacy after 50 years of service and exemplary dedication to the mission entrusted to him.

During his many years in Rome, he became an enthusiastic painter, exhibiting his works in various exhibitions staged in the



capital. His favourite subjects were still life and landscapes.

We will always remember him, particularly those of us who had the good fortune to know him personally and to share our lives with him.



## Charity Unlimited

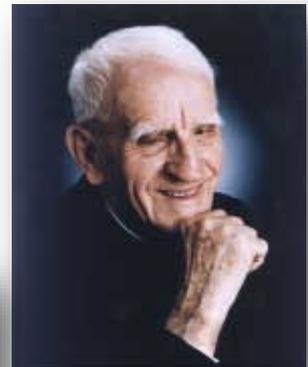


The Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd was founded by Brother Mathias Barrett in 1951, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Brother Mathias initiated apostolic activity by operating a refuge for the care and assistance of the transient poor. It was not long before other men, embedded with similar zeal, joined Brother Mathias in his noble work. Soon, his community began

to grow and his works expanded to other cities, such as New Orleans, Miami, Philadelphia, Mومence, Kansas City, Toronto and Hamilton in Canada, and Wolverhampton in England.

In the spirit of "Charity Unlimited" the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd reached out to try and promote dignity in meeting the many needs of the homeless. In addition to ministry to the homeless, the Brothers also minister to persons with mental and physical disabilities and persons

living with HIV/AIDS. At present, the Brothers' ministries are located in Canada, the United States, England and Haiti.



## Mission Statement of Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd

Graced into existence through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of our founder, Brother Mathias Barrett, the religious congregation of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd earnestly strives to fulfil its mission through the evangelical consecration of its members and the lived expression of the common life.

Our existence as a congregation is for the glory of God, perfection of our members, and service to the

poor and needy. "Charity Unlimited," our founder's legacy to his brothers, is expressed in our service, availability, hospitality, flexibility, adaptability and respect for life. Our life of consecration and service must continue to inspire and motivate all who seek to involve themselves with the mission of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd.

With faith and trust in God's providence, we

pledge ourselves to strive always to:

- proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
- clothe the naked,
- house the homeless,
- feed the hungry,
- comfort the lonely,
- promote human dignity.



## *Hospitaller Brothers and the Little Brothers*



The Commission with responsibility for planning and implementing the process of merging the two Institutions is tasked with managing the whole process from the beginning to the end. Initially, it was asked to define, and then evaluate, the objectives of the committees and working groups needed to perform the process. It was also asked to consider not only the organisational but also the spiritual aspects of the process. The process will end with the final approbation of the merger by both Institutes (the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God and the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd), and obviously by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

The second meeting of the commission for planning the merger process was held on March 7-8, 2013 at Westville Grove NJ. Unfortunately because of the bad weather conditions many of the flights had been cancelled (even though the meteorological situation ended with a light snowfall on March 8). But the result was that some of the

participants only managed to arrive on March 7 and not the 6th, as planned. That left only one day on which to deliberate, but thanks to the excellent work of the moderator, Brother Ray of the Christian Brothers, we managed to get through all the items on the agenda. We might summarise the practical conclusions of the meeting in the following terms:

- Committees and working groups were set up to support the Commission responsible for planning the merger process, and the following composition was decided upon:
  - A Brotherhood Commission. This committee will deal with community life and contacts between the two Institutes.
  - A Governance Commission. This committee will deal with the organisational structure, administration and aspects of both secular and canon law.
  - A working group for the formation of the Brothers, called a Vocation Panel. This Panel will deal with the Pre-postulancy, the Postulancy, the Novitiate and the Scholasticate.

- A timetable was laid down for the committees' and working groups' meetings.
- We began reflecting on the official communication to be submitted to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (this communication has already taken place, but only informally).
- The timetable has been set for the upcoming meetings of the Commission.
- The timetable has been set for the forthcoming assemblies of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, and the agendas.
- We have begun initial reflections on the date on which the merger may take place.
- We have already laid down the terms for circulating the minutes of the various meetings, and the procedures for exchanging information between the two Institutes.



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