



Historical Highlights

Fr. Sebastian Ward, O.F.M. Cap.

+October 29, 2003+

Fr. Sebastian (Leo Dominic) Ward was born in Dublin, Ireland on October 8, 1919, son of Nicholas Ward and Jeanie Moulton. He was educated at Rochestown College, University College Cork, and Theology House Ard Mhuire, Co. Donegal. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1939 and was ordained a priest in 1947. Since 1947 he was involved in the various ministries of the Capuchins in the Province of Our Lady of Angels; as Professor of Metaphysics-Psychology at Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang, California, as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Roseburg, Oregon; as Master of Novices at St. Patrick's Novitiate in Wilmington, Delaware and Parish Mission Preacher; as Vocation Director at San Lorenzo Seminary in Santa Ynez, California; as Hospital Chaplain in Roseburg, Oregon and in Ukiah and Fresno, California and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Dublin, Ireland; as Director of Students in Dublin, Ireland; St. Augustine Friary in Oakland, California and at San Buenaventura Friary in San Francisco, California. He was elected Definitor in the Irish Province; and was Spiritual Director and Retreat Master at San Lorenzo Friary in Santa Ynez, California. He died on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 in Lompoc, California.

Fr. Sebastian was well loved by his family and friends and by all those to whom he ministered as a Capuchin priest whether it was as a Spiritual Director, a Chaplain, or a Student Director. He was known for his great love of mysticism and of mystical theology. He was a very prayerful man with a great love for the Eucharist. He was also known for his wit and sense of humor. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he had a great love of nature and of contemplative prayer. He was an artist, a poet and a lover of all things French.

In gratitude to our brother, Sebastian, and the friars of the Mother Province of St. Patrick, please pray one *Glory be to the Father*.

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