



### **Historical Highlights**

**Fr. Enda Heffernan, O.F.M. Cap.**

**+April 25, 2001+**

**Enda Heffernan** was born on the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17 1932. "It is easy to remember my birthday," he used say. In his youth he was an altar server at the Capuchin Church of Holy Trinity, Cork. From there he went to, what was then known as, the "Capuchin Franciscan Seraphic College at Rochestown. Having completed studies there, he was received as a novice on October 3, 1949. At the end of Theological studies he was ordained a priest May 30 1957 at St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, Donegal. In 1958, he was transferred to the California Custody of the Irish Province and arrived in San Francisco in the fall of that year. The early years of his ministry were spent on the teaching staff of St. Francis High School in La Canada. In time he moved up the line, first by becoming a definitior, then Vice Provincial. On April 19, 1979 he became the first Provincial of the newly established Province of Our Lady of Angels. His greatest work was helping establish the new Province. He was known for his "pushy ways" in getting things accomplished. When his term as Provincial was completed in 1985, he served as Novice Master at San Lorenzo. Later he moved to San Bonaventura Friary San Francisco where he took up the ministry of Retreat Director. This was a ministry at which he excelled. To better conduct this ministry he moved to St. Francis Friary, Burlingame. During his last years Enda suffered from diabetes and other ailments, all which he endured patiently. In 2001 he was hospitalized and underwent surgery due to the diabetes. On the Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen April 24, he wrote a letter to all the Brothers, Family and Friends concluding with the words; "I bless you all from my bed and pray that the Good Lord may give you each a measure of the wonderful peace that I am experiencing now." He never recovered and died at peace with everyone the following day April 25, 2001. He is buried at San Lorenzo Seminary.

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

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