



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

June 25, 2007

Dear Brothers in Christ:

Fr. Livius Paoli, OSB, died June 22, 2007 at the age of 94. Born and educated in Italy, he was ordained on July 18, 1937. He came to the United States in 1938 and joined the community at Detroit's St. Sylvester Benedictine Monastery. In 1942, he was named assistant pastor of the adjacent St. Scholastica Parish. He went on to become co-pastor and pastor of the parish.

Fr. Paoli retired this past January as pastor of St. Scholastica. At that time, he was the oldest active priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Among his many accomplishments, he founded St. Scholastic Elementary School, its preschool, and Benedictine High School.

A prolific writer, Fr. Paoli's "Monk's Musings" column was very popular. He was also an outstanding artist. Although he had no formal training, he specialized in mosaics. Many of his works adorn the interior of St. Scholastica Church, school buildings, and St. Sylvester Monastery.

Fr. Paoli is survived by several nieces and nephews in Italy.

Visitation will take place at St. Scholastica Church, 8201 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, from 3 until 7 p.m. on Monday, June 25. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Scholastica on Tuesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Benedict Monastery, Oxford. Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling the arrangements (248-651-9641).

In the Lord,

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