

Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.



1925 - 2020

Born:

*December 06, 1925
Nashville, Tennessee*

First Profession of Vows:

*July 16, 1944
Walnut, CA*

Ordination to the Priesthood:

*September 20, 1952
San Gabriel, CA*

Born to Eternal Life:

*November 09, 2020
Rancho Dominguez, CA*

Funeral Mass

*Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Rancho Dominguez, CA*

Burial

San Gabriel, CA

Funeral Mass for
Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.



Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Dominguez Seminary, Rancho Dominguez, CA

Main Celebrant: Fr. Brian Culley, C.M.F.

Homilist: Fr. Frank Ferrante, C.M.F.

WELCOME / OPENING SONG

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me; He has
sent me to bring good news to the afflicted,
to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim
liberty to the captives, release to the
prisoners, to announce a year of favor from
the Lord and a day of vindication by our
God; to comfort all who mourn.

(Isaiah 61:1-2a)

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 42

**R/ My soul is thirsting for the living God; when shall I see him
face to face.**

Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. **R/**

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? **R/**

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelations

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
(Revelation 21:1-5a,6a)

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

Alleluia Verse:

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. (John 12:23-26)

The Gospel of the Lord
R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

- + Homily
- + Prayer of the Faithful
- + Preparation of Gifts
- + Eucharistic Prayer
- + The Lord's Prayer
- + Communion/Communion Song
- + Sending Forth / Closing Song

Fr. John Hampsch will be laid to rest at San Gabriel Mission Cemetery following mass. Livestreaming at 1:30pm will be made available by accessing this link

The Glow of Death

By: John H. Hampsch, CMF



*Life's candle flame snuffed out by death
Had flickered through life's groans and sighs;
Its feeble glow unneeded now,
As sunrise bursts through heaven's skies.*

*On behalf of the Claretian Missionaries we wish to express
our heartfelt gratitude for your support, prayers and presence
in the life of Fr. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.*

Thank you!

Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F.

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May you rest in peace!

“The Love of Christ Impels Us!”

Father John was born on December 6, 1925 in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. His family relocated to the Chicago area some years later. While in school, he sensed the desire to study for the priesthood, so he applied to numerous seminaries. He was rejected because of a speech impediment. During this time, he came in contact with the Claretian Missionaries and was accepted because of his qualities and desire to serve in the Church. In July 1943, he entered the Novitiate and a year later, July 16, 1944, he made his First Profession at Immaculate Heart Novitiate, Walnut, CA. Continuing his studies at Dominguez Seminary/Loyola University, he received a B.A. in Philosophy in 1948. Taking his courses for the priesthood at Dominguez, he was ordained a priest at San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel, CA, on September 20, 1952.

In 1952, Fr. John began his ministry at Dominguez Seminary, where he primarily ministered as professor of seminarians. For the next eight years, he taught at Dominguez Seminary and pursued further studies. He received an M.A. in Philosophy from Notre Dame University in 1958. From 1959 – 1962, he served as Professor at Claretville Seminary, Calabasas, CA. During these years he also took advantage of further studies at the Dominican House, River Forest, IL leading to a certificate in Spiritual Theology. In 1963, he was assigned as assistant pastor to All Saints Parish, Fort Worth, TX. In 1966, he was assigned to Mt. Claret Cursillo Center, Phoenix, AZ, where he was given the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministries including chaplaincies, giving retreats and providing cursillos. In 1969, responding to a need in the Province, Fr. John served as University Chaplain at San Marcos, TX, for one year. In 1970, he was assigned to the AVE Center as superior/director of the Claretian theology residence in San Francisco, CA. This opened the door for him to do outreach ministry and provided him time to begin writing and publishing. In 1972, he was assigned to the Claretian Renewal Center, Los Angeles where he continued offering retreats, preaching throughout the country and becoming involved in the Charismatic Renewal Ministry. While at the Claretian Renewal Center, he

made time for extensive writing of books and pamphlets. From 1974-78, he continued offering retreats, giving lectures, writing articles for magazines, being a columnist for a newspaper, editing a variety of books and beginning the Claretian Tape Ministry. In 1978, he moved to Dominguez Seminary as his home base for the Catholic Claretian Tape Ministry where he expanded his work in teaching and preaching the good word. His outreach ministry, especially through media and communications, brought many to see the good works of the Claretians as an international congregation, both here and abroad. He returned to reside at the Claretian Renewal Center in 1993, while maintaining his active ministry. In 2008, Fr. John returned to Dominguez Seminary where he remained active in preaching, sacramental ministry, teaching and writing through his Claretian Tape Ministry (now known as the Claretian Teaching Ministry) until 2019 when his preaching days came to a halt due to his health. He continued to do spiritual direction by phone and internet touching many people with his spiritual wisdom. Fr. John's books, pamphlets, CD's and DVD's dealing with spirituality, scripture and prayer are still made available through his Claretian Teaching Ministry Office.

Now listed in Who's Who in Religion in America, Fr. John referred to himself as an "itinerant preacher-teacher." He widely traveled in numerous countries and every state. At times, the work and ministerial demands would call for Fr. John to be away from community. Yet, when he was present, he made himself available and attentive to his brothers. The spirit of our Founder, Father Claret was always present in his heart and soul. Always positive and encouraging, he brought the love of Jesus and Mary to his brothers. Fr. John passed away peacefully on November 9, 2020. Welcome home good and faithful servant.



PRAYER OF A CLARETIAN MISSIONARY

(Based on Claret's Autobiography, n.494)

Lord, renew in our Congregation and in each one of us, the spirit that inspired our Father Founder, Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

May we, Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, be men who burn with charity and spread its flames wherever we go.

May we desire effectively and strive by all means possible to set the whole world ablaze with the fire of God's love. May we never be intimidated by anything or anyone.

May we learn to rejoice in privations, welcome work, embrace sacrifices, joyfully bear up with slander, happily accept trials and sufferings, and glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May our only concern be how we can follow Jesus and imitate him more closely in prayer, work and suffering; and strive always and only for the greater glory of God and the salvation of our neighbors.

Amen.

*Mary, we are grateful to be among your Sons.
May we be faithful to you all our lives.*

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!



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