Fr. Bob Balser 1924-2018

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Fr. Robert (Bob) Gerard Balser, C.Ss.R., died on May 26, 2018 at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori. He was 94 years old, and had been ill for several weeks.

Fr. Bob was born in New Orleans on February 15, 1924. He professed first vows on August 2, 1944 and perpetual vows on September 2, 1947. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1949, and served in parish ministry for nearly 50 of his 74 years of Redemptorist ministry. Fr. Bob was particularly beloved by the St. Alphonsus Parish community in Grand Rapids, where he was assigned in 1983 and served for 33 years until he retired and moved to St. Clement's in 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Clement's in Liguori on Wednesday, May 30, followed by burial at the Redemptorist Cemetery in Liguori.

Please pray for the repose of his soul.