

# A short biography - Brother Bernard John Colleran

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Brother Bernard John Colleran (formerly Brother Crysostom) died on June 9, 2020 at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Towson Md. He was stationed at St. John Neumann Residence, Timonium, MD. He was born on October 8, 1930, in Boston, MA. His parents<sup>th</sup> were Timothy Colleran and Martha Cunniffe.

He made his temporary profession of vows on October 16, 1953 and his perpetual profession on October 16, 1957.

Brother Bernie's first assignment was to Holy Redeemer College, Washington, DC 1953-1955. From 1955 to 1963, he served at St. Philomena Parish in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For the next two years (1963-1965), he was at the Provincial Residence when it was at 74 St. in Manhattan, New York City. The years 1965 to 1967 found him at St. Clement Mission House at Ephrata, PA. as an assistant to the Novice Master of the Redemptorist Brothers. From 1967 to 1985 he was the office manager at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn, New York. From 1985 to 1990 he was stationed at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey, as business manager and staff. In 1990 he was elected to the Ordinary Provincial Council of the Baltimore Province. Brother Bernie served in this capacity while living at Our Lady of Good Counsel Community in Brooklyn until the Spring of 1993. He then began a long tenure back at San Alfonso Retreat House again as business manager, but his friendly demeanor extended to all retreatants, leaving them all with happy memories of Redemptorist hospitality. In August of 2019 he was transferred to St. John Neumann Residence at Stella Maris, Timonium, MD for health reasons. There he died on June 9, 2020. RIP.

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