Br. Patrick Concidine, S.Ss.R.

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Br. Patrick Worked Tirelessly to Make Our Mother of Perpetual Help Known

Please pray for the repose of the soul of beloved Br. Patrick Concidine, C.Ss.R., a humble confrere who worked tirelessly for decades to spread devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Br. Patrick died early this morning, July 25, 2018, at Mary Queen & Mother Center in St. Louis. He was 85, and had been in poor health for several years.

Make a Gift In Memory of Br. Patrick

Br. Patrick was born on May 8, 1933 in DeKalb, IL. He made his first profession on August 2, 1949 and professed perpetual vows as a Redemptorist Brother on February 2, 1955. Trained as a tailor while he was a novice, Br. Patrick served as a tailor, porter and sacristan at communities throughout the Midwest until the early 1970s, when a casual conversation with a Filipino family about their shared devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help changed the focus of his vocation.

For the next 30 years, he worked tirelessly to spread devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, especially with immigrant communities. He inspired generations of his brother Redemptorists for his efforts to "Make Her Known" and fulfill the papal mandate issued to the Redemptorists in 1866. Under Br. Patrick's leadership, membership in the Confraternity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help grew into the thousands. Although his goal was merely to spread devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the Confraternity contributed more than \$1 million to the Denver Province to help educate seminarians and care for elderly confreres.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help embrace Br. Patrick, who shared his love and devotion so effectively with so many people for decades, and accompany him on his final journey home.