## Summer 2018 Denver Province Snapshots

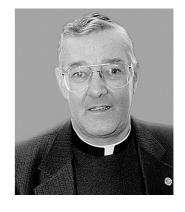
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## In Remembrance:

Fr. Robert (Bob) Gerard Balser, C.Ss.R., a zealous Redemptorist priest renowned as a lion in the pulpit and a lamb in the confessional, died on May 26 at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori. He was a strong leader with an equally strong constitution and a fierce dedication to serving the People of God. He ministered at St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids until he was 92 – for 33 years – until failing health necessitated his move to St. Clement's two years ago. His upbeat spirit and personality are sorely missed by not only his Redemptorist confreres, but a wide network of friends and associates, especially in Grand Rapids.



Fr. John Paul Andree, C.Ss.R., who died on July 10, 2018 at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori. He was 76 years old and had endured a lengthy battle with cancer. Fr. John Paul was born in Detroit on January 15, 1942. He professed first vows on August 2, 1963 and perpetual vows on September 2, 1967. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 1968, and was well enough to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination with his family and Redemptorist confreres at St. Clement's this year. Fr. John Paul served in retreat ministry and was a member of the Chicago Mission Preaching Team, but he may be best



remembered for the 23 years he served as Director of the Co-Redemptorist Association.

Fr. Bruno Lischwe, C.Ss.R., who died July 10, 2018, at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori. Fr. Bruno was born in Brinktown, MO on May 16, 1926. He professed first vows on August 2, 1947 and perpetual vows on September 2, 1950. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 26, 1952. Fr. Bruno served briefly in parish ministry and was appointed Assistant to the Director of St. Gerard Mission House/Villa Majella in Pine City, MN in 1958-1967. He ministered to his elderly and infirm Redemptorist confreres for 41 years – at Immaculate Conception Health Care Center in Oconomowoc from 1968 until the facility closed in 1988, and at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori from its first day of operation in 1988 until his retirement in 2009. He remained a valued member of the community.

