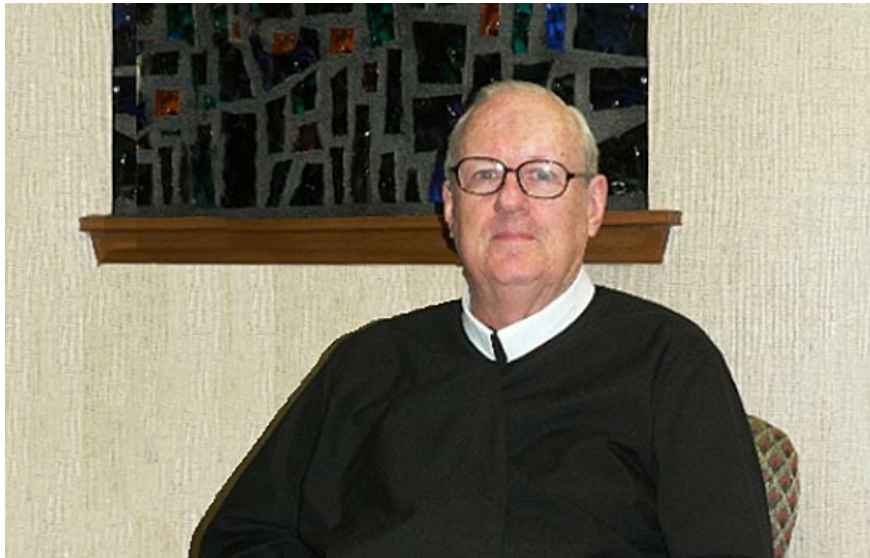


Rev. Donnell Kirchner, C.Ss.R.: Rest in Peace

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Donnell Kirchner, C.Ss.R., who died suddenly at home at the Holy Ghost Redemptorist rectory in Houston on May 13, 2020. Fr. Donnell embodied the Redemptorist missionary charism and served the poor and abandoned for 54 years—40 of them in the Amazon Region of Brazil.

Fr. Donnell was born on December 24, 1940 in Fort Benning, GA, but he grew up in Omaha and considered Nebraska his home. He made his first profession of vows on August 2, 1961 and professed perpetual vows on September 2, 1964. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 22, 1966.

Fr. Donnell served in parish and formation ministry in Manacapuru, Belem and Manaus in the Amazon Region of Brazil. He wrote several booklets in Portuguese, and frequently contributed articles to newspapers and magazines.

Fr. Donnell was nearly 70 years old when he returned to the USA. He joined the Liguori Mission House mission team and was a popular and effective preacher. After a brief stint at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Whittier, CA, he was appointed Co-Director of Formation at Seelos Theology Residence. He learned Spanish while he was in his early 70s and was a valued member of the Hispanic ministry team based in Baton Rouge, LA. He was appointed to the Holy Ghost Community in Houston in 2019. May he rest in the eternal peace of our Redeemer.

Please remember Fr. Donnell in your prayers and Masses

Light a Candle for Fr. Donnell; or have a Mass said for Fr. Donnell.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in the peace of the Redeemer.

