

## **TESTIMONIALS FOR BROTHER DOMINIC RUEGG, FSC**

I received the memo of Brother Dominic's death just a few moments ago; it is very sad news and certainly signals the passing of an era in the Brothers.

However, I can't help think how fortunate we have been to have had him among us for so many years possessed with such a zest for life, such great stories, and such marvelous humor!

I also feel singularly blessed that his was the first voice heard on my video profile. It is an honor to have "shared the screen" with him, to have lived in Community with him, and to have served as his Director.

Now, he will be able to pray for all us left behind and who hope for lives as full and as rich as his own.

May he truly rest in peace.

**Brother V. Kenneth, F.S.C.**

Bro. Dominic and Bro. Brendan Kneale were in the same robing group, but Brendan arrived a day earlier. Brendan accompanied the recruiter on the ferry from Vallejo to San Francisco to meet Dominic. Dominic arrived a little late as the ferry was already leaving the dock for Vallejo. From the ferry, Brendan said that they could see Dominic running down the plank to the ferry but was too late. Brendan said, "I guess Dominic learned his lesson as he was never late again for any of his cruises."

**As told to Br. Richard Orona, FS by Br. Brendan Kneale, FSC**

In the late 1950's the Catholic Church required that all religious orders begin a more thorough academic preparation of their young religious in formation in the study of the Bible.....an updating in the background and interpretation of both the Old and New Testaments. Brother Dominic was asked to teach these classes to our Scholastics at St. Mary's College, which would include the Marianists who also had Scholastics studying at St. Mary's .....The Marianist Brothers occupied Benilde Hall and the Christian Brothers occupied Assumption Hall.

Brother Dominic, I believe, had recently completed a doctorate in Scripture Studies from Catholic University in Washington D.C. It was a very large class as both orders of Brothers had their entire communities enrolled in the class. Brother Dominic was not only well

informed but an excellent teacher. I Remember it as one of the best classes (two semesters) while at St. Mary's.

**Br. Richard Moratto**