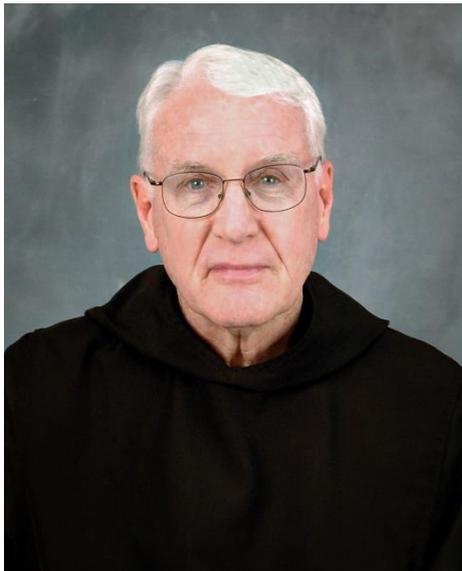


Obituary: Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB, monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey



Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB, 87, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, died on December 22nd, 2020, at the monastery. He was a jubilant both of profession and priesthood.

Surviving is a sister, Alice Prieto of Nashua, New Hampshire.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on January 28th, 1933, and was given the name Joseph James at his baptism. He enrolled in Saint Meinrad Minor Seminary in 1947.

He was invested as a novice on July 30th, 1953, professed his simple vows on July 31st, 1954, and solemn vows August 15th, 1957. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1959.

Fr. Vincent received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Saint Meinrad College in 1956, and an STB from The Catholic University of America in 1960.

He later earned a Master of Arts in Latin from St. Louis University in 1965, a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 1974, and an STL in spiritual theology from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1979.

Fr. Vincent began teaching Latin and English in Saint Meinrad High School in 1960. In 1965, he joined the college faculty and served in various administrative positions, including as dean of students, spiritual director, and vice-rector.

During these years, he was involved nationally in the work of spiritual direction, becoming the first director of the Midwest Association of Spiritual Directors, and then the first president of the National Federation of Spiritual Directors.

From 1975-78, he served as novice and junior master of the monastery. A few years later, he served as director of novices and juniors of St. Benedict Abbey in Still River, Massachusetts. In 1983, he began a two-year assignment as prior and novice master at St. Mark's Priory in South Union, Kentucky.

From 1986 to 2005, Fr. Vincent was assigned to the Collegio di Sant' Anselmo in Rome, where he served as secretary for the Ateneo and as procurator for the Swiss-American, American Cassinese, and Brazilian Benedictine congregations. He offered courses every year in Latin and Greek.

In 2005, he returned to Saint Meinrad to serve as manager of the newly built Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Centre. This work allowed him to continue offering spiritual direction for many of the abbey's friends, pilgrims and retreatants.