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FATHER ANDREW APOSTOLI, BELOVED PRIEST & RETREAT MASTER, DIES AT 75

Apostoli Inspired the Faithful with His Love of the Church, Devotion to Mary, and Joyful
Preaching of the Gospel

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Fr. Andrew Apostoli, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, admired preacher and retreat master, died on December 13, 2017. He was 75.

Fr. Andrew was a founder of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR), a reform community started in 1987 by eight Capuchin Friars based in New York City. He spent his fifty years as a priest preaching, writing and traveling the world giving parish missions and retreats, spreading the Gospel with an emphasis on encouraging love and devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. In addition, Fr. Andrew was the founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, a group of consecrated Sisters who serve the poor and needy throughout the world. He hosted “Sunday Night Prime” on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), and was the Vice Postulator of the cause for canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. His written work includes titles such as “Fatima for Today,” “When God Asks for an Undivided Heart,” and “Following Mary to Jesus.”

Father Andrew is survived by older brother Emidio and his wife Gretchen; younger brother Michael and his wife Beth; sister-in-law Yvonne; four nephews and two nieces; numerous cousins; as well as by 128 CFR brothers and priests and 35 CFR sisters in community. He was preceded in death by his brother, Francis.

Fr. John Paul Ouellette, General Servant of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, reflected today: “Fr. Andrew conformed his life to Christ’s. As a priest, he was led by his relationship with the Holy Spirit, Our Lady, and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and continually worked towards the renewal of the priesthood. As a Franciscan, St. Francis was the clear inspiration for his humility, humor, and his simplicity in word and deed. Fr. Andrew’s faithfulness and joy urge us to live the joy found in the Gospel.”

Details for the wake and funeral will be forth coming at franciscanfriars.com

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