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COMMUNITY STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF FATHER ANDREW J. APOSTOLI

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With heavy hearts, our community mourns the loss of our co-founder and spiritual father, Fr. Andrew Joseph Apostoli. In the past month, Fr. Andrew's health declined rapidly. We are profoundly grateful that he was able to spend his final days surrounded by his CFR family. He lived this final chapter of his life preparing to meet the Lord prayerfully, humbly, and joyfully offering himself to Jesus through Mary as a devoted Franciscan priest and religious. Not unlike Blessed Solanus Casey and Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Fr. Andrew humbly lived the authentic Franciscan ideal, providing witness to the joy of living the gospel in a world so desperately in need of Jesus Christ and his unconditional love. We beseech the Lord this day that the treasure of Fr. Andrew's preaching, writing, and fraternal witness continue to sustain the charism of renewal that he and his confreres began over three decades ago.

Join with us in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr. Andrew, for his family, and the CFR Community as we mourn his loss and give thanks to God for the gift he was to the Church and the world.

Details concerning the wake and funeral can be found at franciscanfriars.com

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