

## Brother Bernard Aufdermauer

April 9th is the anniversary of the death of Brother Bernard Aufdermauer. Brother Bernard was born in Steinen, Canton Schwyz, Switzerland, on February 27, 1882. He came to the United States and to Subiaco at the age of 19, and professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on November 11, 1903.

Brother Bernard served our community here in Arkansas for almost a quarter of a century on the abbey farm, and later in various household tasks.

Shortly after Subiaco began its new foundation in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1927, Brother Bernard was sent there and he remained for the next 30 years of his life.

His greatest interest was working in the sacristy and the ringing of the bells for the work of God. His zeal for sounding the signal for the work of God was such that it was necessary to remind him from time to time not to anticipate the scheduled hours. Teasingly, his confreres joshed him that in heaven he could ring all the bells he wanted to ring to his heart's content, if on earth he would exercise a little self-denial in the matter.

He celebrated his golden jubilee of monastic profession on Thanksgiving Day, 1953, along with Abbot Paul M. Nahlen.

Tuesday evening, April 9, 1957, Brother Bernard died unexpectedly in Spohn Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, following a heart attack. He had just been released from the hospital following his recovery from prostate surgery, but before leaving he took an ambulatory excursion within the hospital to bid farewell to the staff members. The fatal seizure struck after he returned to his hospital room following his walk.

A Mass was offered for Brother Bernard at Corpus Christi Priory on Thursday, April 11.

At the time of his death, Brother Bernard was 75 years old and in the 53rd year of his monastic profession. He is buried in our cemetery.

