



Fr. Thomas Eugene Perrier, O.S.B.

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Father Thomas Eugene Perrier, O.S.B., monk of Saint Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict, Louisiana, died at the abbey on October 26, 2009. He was 56 years old.

Son of the late Eugene Perrier, III and Myrtle Weathers, Father Thomas was born Dec. 4 1952, in New Orleans, LA. He made his profession as a Benedictine Monk of Saint Joseph Abbey on July 10, 1975. He was ordained to the priesthood January 5, 1980.

He is survived by two sisters, Sister Rochelle Perrier, MSC and Sister Christine Perrier, MSC.

Father Thomas served as Director of Camp Abbey, Professor in St. Joseph Seminary College, Novice Master, and Director of the Christian Life Center.

Father Thomas' body will be received at Saint Joseph Abbey on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 5:15 P.M. followed by the singing of Vespers.

The Funeral Vigil will be held at 7:15 PM in the Abbey Church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 11:15 AM at St. Joseph Abbey followed by burial in the Abbey Cemetery.



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JN

Juan A. Nevarez posted:

Father Thomas was my professor and spiritual Director when I attended St. Joseph Seminary back in 1983. I will always remember his laughter, sense of humor and love of life. Father Thomas and all you Saints of God pray for us.

February 16 at 7:27 AM

RE

Richard Eckert posted:

Sister Rochelle : Liz and I are sorry for your loss – Sister Rochelle you taught several of my children at St. Alphonsus Elementary School in Ocean Springs several years ago. I heard of your loss through Sister Mary Ann we are so sorry. I am associated with the Serra Club of Biloxi which fosters, promotes and affirms priestly and religious vocations . The inspiration of the Perrier's family inspired me to write in our newsletter a tribute to your family www.serraus.org upper right menu Sharing Serra Newsletters cursor down to Serra Biloxi, for December 2009 . Permission was granted by Mr Peter Finely of the Diocesan paper to use excerpts from his article. Your family and Father Thomas were such an inspiration for new vocations I wanted to share it with the clergy and religious of our Biloxi Diocese. We have two seminarians who attend St Joseph Seminary . God bless. The Eckerts

December 12 at 8:50 AM

D6

Donna Kennedy Spatz--Aha'64 posted:

Dear Sr Rochelle, My deepest sympathy to you and your sister. Losing parents are painful enough, but I can't imagine the loss of a sibling so young. I didn't know Fr Thomas, but from all the wonderful comments, he must have been a treasure! My thoughts and prayers are with you both. Donna Kennedy Spatz-AHA'64

November 2 at 9:31 AM

MH

Merc Huss posted:

To Chris and Rochelle, may the peace of Christ bring you comfort in your time of sorrow. Thomas was truly a carrier of joy to those who knew him. Surely he wishes the same for you as he begins his eternal journey in the presence of Everlasting Love.

November 1 at 12:32 PM



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BQ

Bob And Caroline Quintana posted:

Father Thomas was a living witness to the Gospel. His caring manner, his zest for life, his wonderful sense of humor, and his deep spirituality touched all who met him and came to know him. He was immensely human; yet carried the spark of divine love for others. We will deeply grateful that our paths crossed with his. We will miss him in this life, but are comforted by his presence with the saints on this All Saints Day.

November 1 at 7:05 AM

JL

Jo Ellen Landry posted:

Dear Rocky and Chris, I met Gene many years ago and knew then he was touched by God. Many blessings on you both. Jo Ellen

October 31 at 1:26 PM

SB

Sandra Bean posted:

Fr. Thomas was my favorite retreat director when I was a member of the Altar Society of Our Lady of the Lake church in Mandeville. We usually requested him making our Day of Reflection each year. My husband and I moved to Cal. two years ago. I miss the Abbey and Fr. Thomas. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a joy to know.

October 30 at 6:20 PM

JB

Joy A. Barron posted:

MY DEAR CHRIS AND ROCHELLE, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER THOMAS.. HE WAS SUCH A SWEET MAN.. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM..I AM SORRY THAT I COULD NOT MAKE IT TO THE SERVICES.. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS..I KNOW "MO" WAS THERE TO WELCOME HIM HOME..AS SHE WILL BE FOR ALL OF US...I MISS HER..SHE WAS A GREAT FRIEND..ALL MY LOVE AND PRAYERS, JOY BARRON...

October 30 at 3:21 PM



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TN

Terry Nolan posted:

To say we loved him dearly is an understatement. My husband and I always looked forward to our annual couples retreat with Fr. Thomas. He was so "one of us" as a New Orleans native. His laughter and demeanor always made US laugh too. Don just had a men's retreat in September. Who knew his retreat with Fr. Thomas would be his with him? Can't imagine the loss and emptiness without Fr. Thomas when I cross the threshold to the Christian Life Center in two weeks. AJ will be a sad reminder of Fr. Thomas' very kind heart to all God's creatures. I'm sure AJ will miss him too. Fr. Thomas, Don and I will miss you so much. Don't know whether to be angry, sad or envious. You earned your halo, Padre, as one of God's tireless, giving servants. Job well done, Fr. Thomas. I can only imagine your first words upon entering heaven, with joyous humor, "My Gawd, how great Thou art!" In conclusion, please pray for us. Can't thank you enough for all your help in furthering our spiritual growth. Wish we could have made the services. Our hearts were there with you if not bodily. There is an heaviness in our hearts for our loss because we'll miss you dearly. Love, Terry and Don Nolan

October 30 at 10:30 AM

PG

Peggy Guillory posted:

My deepest sympathy to all who loved Fr. Thomas. "Our joyful monk" now rests eternally in Our Father's loving care. Free to laugh and watch over us all. God Bless. Peggy Guillory, Oblate of St. Joseph Abbey, St. Benedict, Louisiana

October 30 at 9:57 AM

RR

Roger Raymond posted:

I met Fr. Thomas as a classmate at St. John Prep in New Orleans. It was there in high school that I came to know him as a great person and a good friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

October 30 at 9:45 AM

JV

Jan Perrier Vincent posted:

The Perrier Family has been and is blessed to have Uncle Monie, Fr. Thomas, Srs. Rochelle and Chris. They have touched so many lives. God has chosen well. You are in my thoughts and prayers...love to all, Jan Perrier Vincent

October 30 at 9:37 AM



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JV

Jan Perrier Vincent posted:

The Perrier family has been and is blessed to have Uncle Monie, Fr. Thomas, Srs. Chris and Rochelle to call family. They all have touched so many lives. God has chosen well. I love you all! Jan

October 30 at 9:25 AM

BB

Betty Brignac posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about your brother, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You certainly have had your share of sorrow, hopefully any blessings to follow. May you both be wrapped tightly with many warm wishes, loving support and much love. Always, Betty

October 30 at 5:19 AM

KB

Kelli Barrois posted:

Father Thomas always made sure that the Salem ladies were comfortable and well-fed during our annual fall retreats. His sincere generosity and concern for our well being was very much appreciated and he will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as well as with his brothers at the Abbey.

October 30 at 3:49 AM

LM

Lisa Matherne posted:

Father Thomas was always making sure "the food was properly prepared" for the retreats. It was his smile and historical aspects of the Abbey that made each retreat a special event. On Oct 17, 2009 he was giving us the historical perspective of the dining hall. His wit, faith and care of others will be his legacy.

October 29 at 9:53 AM

SR

Susan Rush posted:

We, at Christus St. Vincent hold you in thought and prayer. We will be joining you in prayer as you celebrate the funeral mass for Fr. Thomas tomorrow at 11:15.(our time 10:15). United at the Center!

October 29 at 9:33 AM



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SC

Sister Ita Harnett Ccvi posted:

To my dear friend Rochelle, my heart is with you today and always as you mourn the loss of your dear brother Thomas. I feel like I know him from our conversations... now he is resting and enjoying the fruits of his labor... "we must be consoled in knowing that those who die in grace go no further from us than God and God is very near" my love and prayers Rochelle and Chris!!! ita

October 29 at 6:56 AM

SC

Sr. Mary Esther Ramirez, Ccvi posted:

Dear Sister Long Distance, I am sad to hear about your brother. You and your sister are in my prayers and thoughts. Sending my love to keep you strong and safe. Peace and Blessings, Sr. Mary Esther

October 29 at 6:06 AM

SD

Sister Elaine Weinstein S.S.N.D. posted:

Dear Rochelle and Christine: My sincerest sympathy to you both in the loss of your dear brother, Thomas. You will miss him greatly. I pray that all your treasured memories of him will give you peace and comfort at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Love, Sr. Elaine

October 29 at 4:49 AM

SW

Sr. Regina J. White, Msc posted:

Dear Chris and Rochelle, I am united with you in spirit and prayer. My deepest sympathy on the death of Thomas--your brother and friend. I know he is enjoying the Peace and Joy of God's loving presence! He has left us a legacy of truly knowing and living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with being in touch with the HEART of the matter! I wish I could be there with you! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Regina

October 29 at 3:59 AM

DG

Donna Gieseler posted:

I am so sad to hear of the passing of Father Thomas Perrier. I just saw him a little over a week ago at our ladies' church retreat. Such a wonderful, faithful servant. He will be greatly missed.

October 28 at 4:42 PM



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MH

Margaret Hepburn posted:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. With deepest sympathy, Margaret

October 28 at 11:58 AM

MQ

Mike Quesada posted:

He touched so many but God needed him to come home. He was a wonderful man and an inspiration to me. I will remember him forever.

October 28 at 11:08 AM

CL

Cindy Landry posted:

Sr. Chris...as I write this I am still in shock over hearing this news about your brother. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and Sr. Rochelle are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

October 28 at 11:00 AM

AD

Al Devillier posted:

What a great loss to all who knew him. A great priest, retreat master, and an all around great guy. We met back in 1970 when he was a seminarian at St Ben's and re-acquainted a just a couple of years ago at the Christina Life Center which he directed. We share the same month and year birthday. I'll cherish our brief time spent together. May the angels of God come to his aid and welcome him into the heavenly kingdom.

October 28 at 10:44 AM

ST

Sr. Suellen Tennyson, Msc posted:

It is a blessing to have known Thomas. The words of Pope John Paul II express who Thomas was to me and to many others: "There is a need for heralds of the gospel who are experts in humanity, who have a profound knowledge of the heart of present-day humanity, participating in humanity's joys and hopes, anguish and sadness, and who are at the same time contemplatives in love with God." In union of prayer for Srs. Chris, Rochelle and the Benedictines.

October 28 at 10:17 AM



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MF

Mary Frances posted:

I was blessed to have attended a couple retreats that Fr. Thomas gave. I'm thankful he shared his gift with us. With prayers for him and his family. Mary Frances

October 28 at 9:50 AM

SV

Srs. Margaret & Vincent posted:

Our love, prayers and sympathy are with you during this time. Know we are with you in spirit. We have fond memories of the several times we met Fr. Thomas in New Orleans and New Jersey. May he rest in peace and intercede for you and us.

October 28 at 9:35 AM

FS

Fr. David Shoemaker posted:

He will be in my prayers and added to my list for All Souls day. I remember when I was a student he was always very joyful, and quick to laugh. Over the years I have always enjoyed opportunities to talk with him when I visited the abbey. A good monk who lived the spirit of hospitality. God Bless.

October 28 at 6:50 AM

FW

Fr. Steven T Williams posted:

I worked at Camp Abbey, went to Mexico and so many other wonderful memories of Fr. Thomas. A wonderful Priest, he will be greatly missed. Let us pray that he is with His heavenly Father.

October 28 at 6:11 AM

SR

Susan Rodriguez posted:

Father Thomas was a dear friend and advisor to me over many years, since I began attending Advent retreat at the Abbey. We later did mission work in Saltillo, Mexico, together. He was a priest who ardently loved his God. He taught me so much about the nature of God, and made scripture come alive for me. I miss him terribly, but know he is home now.

October 28 at 5:04 AM



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GD

Gary Delahoussaye posted:

A couple of years ago Fr. Tommy was the retreatmaster for a married couples retreat weekend. Me and my wife, Judy, had the great pleasure to be on this retreat. His ability to balance his fun loving nature and his spiritual leadership was unique. It was a true privilege to have known Fr. Tommy - even if only for a weekend. Gary & Judy Delahoussaye I

October 28 at 5:00 AM

DV

Dutch & Yvette Villarrubia posted:

What a shock!! A great person, fantastic down to earth priest, and good friend. We're sure he has touched thousands and thousands of lives and was loved by everyone who knew him. God Bless Fr. Thomas and Rest in Peace in the eternity you so well deserve.

October 28 at 3:48 AM

AD

Ann Lowe Deck posted:

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I have such fond memories of coming over with my Mother to your house. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Ann Lowe Deck

October 28 at 3:36 AM

AC

Anthony Culotta posted:

PERRIER FAMILY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU IN YOUR LOSS. HE GAVE US SO MANY WONDERFUL TALKS IN OUR YEARLY RETREATS. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. GOD BLESS YOU.

October 28 at 3:03 AM

DB

Daniel D. Bristol posted:

We thank God for the privilege of Fr. Perrier's good example. I will always remember him and his parents and sisters as having made a profound, positive and lasting spiritual impact on our lives. I have been blessed to know Fr. Perrier since our high school freshman year. He will be missed. I feel we now have another intercessor in heaven. I hope to meet him again.

October 27 at 12:21 PM



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BR

Bishop M.E. Rushing posted:

I was honored to share officiating services of the deceased with Father Thomas back in January, and will always appreciate his most humble, sincere and dedicated love to God and mankind. Bishop M.E. Rushing

October 27 at 11:49 AM

RJ

Roquey & Anna Jobes posted:

He gave many years of retreat for us at the Abbey Christian Center - may he rest in peace

October 27 at 4:15 AM

JL

John Longmire posted:

I have known Fr. Thomas for the past 16 years as Director of the Christian Life Center. Our retreats were made a great success due to his help. I grew to think of him as a dear friend and the sense of loss from his passing is hard to bear. He will be sorely missed. I will continually pray for his loved ones and pray he will continue to look over us in our lives until we meet again in the presence of God.

October 26 at 6:31 PM

RH

Roger & Dody Hunt posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. We will never forget you. Love Roger & Dody Hunt

October 26 at 1:21 PM

FS

Fr. Michael Strother posted:

Praying for the repose of the soul of my former professor, mentor, and brother priest whom I pray enjoys eternal life forever with God.

October 26 at 7:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Fr. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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