



Memorial Mass

for

Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC

*November 17, 2002
Sacred Heart Church
Sacramento, CA*

Procession Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
 Your saints have dwelt secure;
 Sufficient is your arm alone,
 And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
 Or earth received its frame,
 From everlasting you are God,
 To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
 Are like an evening gone,
 Short as the watch that ends the night
 Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Presider: The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead,
be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask the Father's
forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness
and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way
to the Father:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus, you have given us
the consolation of the truth:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the eucharist we celebrate
make us worthy to sit at his table
in his heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

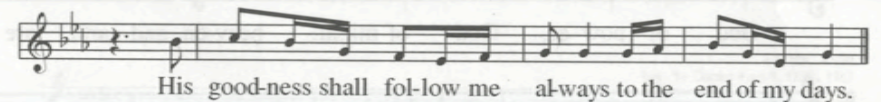
All-powerful God,
we pray for our brother, Bertram,
who responded to the call of Christ
and pursued wholeheartedly the ways
of perfect love.
Grant that he may rejoice on that day
when your glory will be revealed
and in company with all his brothers
and sisters share for ever the happiness
of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading: Isaiah 25: 6, 7-9

Response:



Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor: This is the will of my Father,
says, the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son
will have eternal life,
and I will raise them to life again
on the last day.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25 - 30

Homily

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
rit. *molto rit.*
ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Great Amen

A - men, a - men, a -
rit. *molto rit.*
men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

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A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communion Hymn

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With
 gift of fin-est wheat; Come, give to us, O
 sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you
 Our praise and gratitude,
 That you should count us worthy, Lord,
 To share this heav'nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
 The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
 Our oneness in the Lord?

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
 No mortal tongue can tell:
 Whom all the world cannot contain
 Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
 Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in your name
 In truth and charity.

Prayer After Communion

Eulogies



Recessional:

For the gifts that we've been giv - en,
 Through the love of those who hold us,
 For the lives of grace and mer - it,
 Thanks be to God; For the ones who
 God's will be done; Through the ones who
 Thanks be to God; For the good we
 grace our liv - ing, Thanks be to God;
 go be - fore us, God's will be done;
 all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;
 For the words we say that bound us,
 He will walk each step be - side us;
 For the won - ders that as - tound us
 for the things we pray will ground us,
 Christ will be the one to guide us;
 For the truths that still con - found us,
 for the peo - ple who sur - round us,
 With the Spi - rit's life in - side us,
 Most of all that love has found us,
 Thanks be to God.
 God's will be done.
 Thanks be to God.

MINISTERS

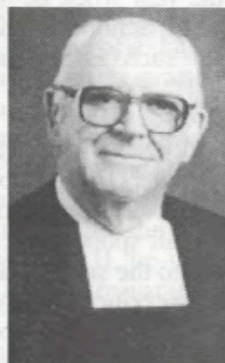
Celebrant:	Bishop William Weigand, D.D.
Homilist:	Msgr. James Church
Lectors:	Mr. Paul Bernardis Mrs. Jean Lahey
Accompanist:	Mr. Rudy Schulze
Cantor:	Brother George Van Grieken, FSC
Eulogies:	Brother Norman Cook, FSC Mr. Stan Gilliam

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Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC – Friend, Teacher, & Brother

Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC was born as Raymond Coleman in San Francisco on October 12, 1914, the second of four children. His parents were both native San Franciscans. His father worked as a printer for the San Francisco News. His nephew, Mark Murphy, joined the Brothers also and is presently working in India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.



Raymond's first exposure to the Brothers was at St. Peter's Parochial grammar and high school in the Mission District of San Francisco, where the Brothers taught the higher grades. Br. Bertram credits much of his vocation to his 8th & 9th grade teacher, Br. Ambrose, who was also the moderator of the Altar Society. Ray was president of his freshman high school class. At the beginning of his sophomore year in August of 1930, he entered the Junior Novitiate in Martinez. Ray participated in the move to the new property at Mont La Salle in Napa in April of 1932. As

with the others at the Juniorate, he squeezed four years of high school into three years of study. After ending his two years at the Juniorate as Student Body President, Raymond began his novitiate year with the reception of the robe in August of 1932.

Taking his first vows at the end of his novitiate year, Raymond – now called Br. Bertram – commenced his studies at Saint Mary's College where he was also the driver for the Provincial (who did not drive) and for Brother Z. Leo, a popular professor and lecturer in the Bay Area.

After two years of study at the college and eager to get involved in the apostolate, the 21-year-old Br. Bertram was assigned to Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, in 1935 to teach in the 6th and 7th grades. While there, he and another Brother organized a parochial school league in athletics to provide competition and to generate interest in the high school. From 1937 to 1939, he taught at the Juniorate in Napa, returning in 1939 to his "first love" of Sacramento where he became a teacher, prefect, head football and basketball coach, and Athletic Director. At the same time he worked to organize a Guidance Department and oversee the YCS (Youth Christian Students) group on campus, organizing a national YCS convention at Saint Mary's College. In 1944 Br. Bertram was



moved to Saint Mary's College where he was appointed Sub-Director of Scholastics. He took the opportunity to finish up his studies there while also coaching a group of college students in basketball – known as the "Moraga Wolves." Six months later he went to Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley as a teacher, only to return to the college at the end of the year when he was appointed the Director of Scholastics and introduced innovations such as washing machines and a community car.

After three years as Director of Scholastics, in 1948 Br. Bertram was appointed Director/Principal of Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento. For the next four and a half years he developed lifelong close ties with the students, attending all sports, dances, picnics, and social activities, teaching religion to the seniors, and learning each student's first name. With the Sister principals of the other Catholic high schools in Sacramento, the Interschool Council was established for student officers to plan common activities in drama, publications, ski trips, picnics, Masses, and the like.

In 1952 Br. Bertram became Director/Principal of Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, where, in his own words, he "grew to love a people I never really knew before." The fine vocational arts



program at Cathedral that he inherited came to be supplemented with a sophisticated business curriculum along with liberal arts courses for the college prep students. He also initiated the prestigious Circle C Service Club which is still in existence.

From 1958 to 1968, Br. Bertram worked as a teacher, a Vocation Director, a community Director, and a Director of Education for the District of San Francisco, moving from Pasadena to Sacramento to Rheem Valley. As Director of Education, he began the practice of organizing regular meetings among the Principals and Directors of the District's schools. In 1968, on the heels of Vatican II, he was the first Provincial (or "Visitor") of the District nominated and elected by the Brothers of the District as their preferred appointment as Visitor. Subsequently, Br. Charles Henry, Superior General, appointed him as Visitor. "My attention as Visitor was to steer the District through the winds of change with some stability and sense of security. . . to develop within the District the feeling that what we were doing in schools with the young people was needed and necessary." For the next five years, Br. Bertram led the District, making the difficult decisions of closing some schools and withdrawing the Brothers from others, moving the District administration to more modest accommodations, and challenging the Brothers in their apostolic, communal, and spiritual endeavors.



When he left office as Visitor, Br. Bertram went to Justin-Siena High School in Napa to work as Dean of Boys and then as Vice-Principal with Sister Jeremy as Principal, a unique arrangement between the Brothers and the Dominican Sisters at that time. He continued to teach and became involved in the school's financial administration, including fund raising. In 1979 Br. Bertram was asked to return to Sacramento in order to take over the Development Office at Christian Brothers High School. Happy to renew old acquaintances and connect with alumni with whom he had kept in contact over the years, Br. Bertram committed himself to development, attending conferences, seminars, and workshops



while working with the Board of Regents, alumni and the many activities of an active development office.

After seven years in Sacramento, in 1986 Br. Bertram returned to Mont La Salle in Napa. "I really thought that I wanted to retire and have more time to read and pray. Br. Norman Cook, Visitor, said, 'Bertram, you are not going to retire!' He was right also." Br. Bertram continued to work as a Director, an administrator, and a member of the Novitiate staff, becoming District archivist in 1989. In that role, he developed sophisticated computerized resources, streamlined the processing of the District's historical resources, and facilitated regular communication through a liaison at each of the District schools. On July 1, 2002, at the age of 87, Br. Bertram officially retired.

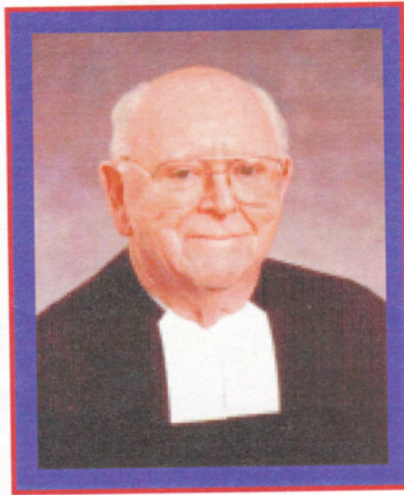


Brother Bertram Coleman, F.S.C.
(Raymond Joseph Coleman)

12 Oct	1914	Born, San Francisco, California
17 May	1932	Entered Novitiate
14 Aug	1932	Received the Religious Habit
24 Jul	1939	Professed Perpetual Vows - Mont La Salle, Napa
09 Oct	2002	Died, Age 87, Mont La Salle, Napa

ASSIGNMENTS:

Aug	1935	Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento (Teacher)
Aug	1936	Junior Novitiate, Napa (Teacher)
Oct	1936	Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento (Teacher)
Jan	1937	Junior Novitiate, Napa (Teacher)
Aug	1939	Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento (Teacher)
Aug	1943	Scholasticate, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, (Sub-Director/Student)
May	1944	Christian Brothers H.S., Sacramento (Teacher/Prefect)
Sep	1944	Saint Mary's College H.S. Berkeley (Teacher/Prefect)
Feb	1945	Scholasticate, Saint Mary's College, Moraga (Director/Teacher)
Feb	1948	Christian Brothers H.S., Sacramento (Director/Principal)
Jun	1952	Cathedral High School, Los Angeles (Director/Principal)
Jun	1958	La Salle H.S., Pasadena, (Asst. Vocation Director)
Jun	1959	Christian Brothers H.S. Sacramento (Vocation Director)
Jun	1961	Provincialate, Rheem (Director/Vocation Director)
Jun	1962	Provincialate, Rheem (Inspector of Schools)
Jun	1968	Provincialate, Rheem (Provincial/Visitor)
Feb	1973	Provincialate, Lafayette (Provincial/Visitor)
Jul	1974	Justin-Siena H.S., Napa (Director/Dean of Boys/Teacher)
Oct	1975	Justin-Siena H.S., Napa (Vice Principal/Teacher)
Jul	1977	Justin-Siena H.S., Napa (Vice Principal/Treasurer)
Jul	1979	Christian Brothers H.S., Sacramento (Director of Development/Alumni Moderator)
Jul	1986	Holy Family Community/Mont La Salle Administration, Napa (Director/Director General)
Aug	1989	Holy Family Community/Mont La Salle, Napa (District Archivist)
Jul	1994	Novitiate, Napa (District Archivist/Novitiate Staff)
Jul	1995	Provincilate Community, De La Salle Institute (District Archivist)
Jul	2002	Retired, Holy Family Community, Napa



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