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Father Robert Bernard Reppen, O. Praem., age 90, a member of the Norbertine Community of St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere, WI, entered into God's eternal kingdom on Friday, November 20, 2009. Father Reppen was born on May 25, 1919, in Arcadia, WI, to Joseph Reppen and Aurelia (Morrissey) Reppen. His home parish was St. James Parish, Rockford, IL. Father Reppen attended St. Norbert High School, De Pere, WI, and Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, IN. He received a B.A. degree in Philosophy from St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI. Father Reppen attended graduate school at Loyola University, Chicago, IL, and Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. On August 28, 1940, Father Reppen entered St. Norbert Abbey where he was vested as a novice. He professed Simple Vows on August 28, 1942 and Solemn Vows on August 28, 1945. Father Reppen was ordained to the Priesthood on June 15, 1946. Father Reppen began his ministry as a member of the faculty at

Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, PA, and later at Central Catholic High School, Green Bay, WI, and St. Norbert High School, De Pere, WI. He served as Pastor to St. Willibrord Parish, Chicago, IL; Assistant Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Essexville, MI; and as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Madison, WI. Among his other ministries, Father Reppen was involved as Chaplain at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Mason City, IA; Leila Hospital and Health Center, Battle Creek, MI; Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc, WI; and St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford, IL. Father Reppen is survived by the members of the Norbertine Community; one sister, Sister Dorothy Ann, Notre Dame, IN; two brothers: John (Erma), Rockford, IL and William (Geraldine), Clinton, WI; sisters-in-law: Anne (Daniel) Reppen, Doris (David) Reppen, Mary (Richard) Reppen; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Daniel, David, Clifford (Lupe, dec.), and Richard; two sisters: Sister Margaretta and Mary (James, dec.) Kelly. Morning Prayer of the Dead will be held at St. Norbert Abbey, on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. followed by Reception of the Body. Visitation will follow until 4:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the Abbey Church on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Rt. Rev. Gary J. Neville, O. Praem., will preside at the funeral liturgy. Burial will be in the St. Norbert Abbey Cemetery. Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere, is in charge of the arrangements.

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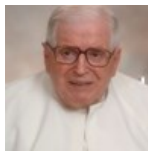
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