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Word from the Editor

As we were putting the finishing touches on this edition of *Greyfriars Review*, Sister Bodily Death met Father Joseph Doino, O.F.M. Joe has been an enthusiastic supporter of *Greyfriars* since its beginning and an ever active member of its editorial board. We will greatly miss him.

My last conversation with Joe was at lunch on the day of his death. I had come across a Spanish article on Bonaventure which seemed ideal for a future issue of *Greyfriars*. In his typically joking way, Joe remarked, "Just what I need: something more to read about Bonaventure! You are such a good friend." By that evening he had read almost half of the article and had already taken notes on its contents, notes, which I'm sure, he would have used in one of his insightful presentations on the Seraphic Doctor.

In addition to being on the Editorial Board of *Greyfriars Review*, Joe was Editor of *The Cord*. From that perspective, we shared a unique relationship. Just as I would ask Joe to read this or that German, Spanish, French or Italian article, he would ask me to review articles that had been submitted to *The Cord*. Frequently we would exchange articles so that what had been submitted to *Greyfriars Review* would appear in *The Cord* or a scholarly translation offered to *The Cord* would make its way into *Greyfriars Review*. Joe never hesitated in wanting to see both periodicals flourish. What mattered most was the spread of the Franciscan Gospel. In 1984, Joe's love for Francis and everything Franciscan prompted him to write to his Provincial and to express his desire to immerse himself completely in the Franciscan tradition and to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world.

The sorrow that I feel at Joe's loss is small when compared to that of the Friars of Saint Bonaventure University, of Holy Name Province, and of the Order of Friars Minor throughout the world. As news of his death spread, it rippled not only across the Franciscan world; beginning with the University Community, the sad news visibly touched the priests and religious of dioceses throughout the United States and prompted letters, telephone calls, and visits from countless lay people who had met or heard Joe. Within a few hours of his death, faxes arrived from Korea, Japan, Italy, Ireland, and Mexico.

At the time of his death, Joe was preparing a lecture on Bonaventure's Fourth Collation on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Gift of Knowledge. After Bonaventure's uplifting treatment of the degrees of knowledge, we find a beautiful reflections on that of heaven. "This knowledge," he writes, "is initiated in the contemplative, perpetuated in the dead and perfected in the resurrected." These last words of the Fourth Collation were a fitting final meditation for Joe. In a sense, they summarize his Franciscan life.

May he rest in peace.