Fr Baldwin Beyer

BIRTH 1926
DEATH 2 Jan 1999 (aged 72–73)
BURIAL Saint Bonaventure Monastery Cemetery
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA
MEMORIAL ID 31444691 ·

Born Martin Beyer in Chicago, he moved to Detroit with his family and entered the Capuchin novitiate at Huntington, receiving the religious name of Baldwin. Involved in numerous ministries, including parish ministry teaching at Saint Francis's Brothers School, at St. Lawrence as spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscans, and as hospital and nursing home chaplain, Baldwin's greatest personal achievement was his own sobriety and using his recovery to benefit others. He became certified both as a social worker and as addictions counselor.

Under his direction, Jefferson House in Detroit gained a notable level of professionalism. In 1994, the 82nd legislature of the State of Michigan honored Friar Baldwin for his years of service in the field of recovery. Owing to frail health, he moved to California, where he served in a parish and where he died of lung cancer on January 2, 1999, aged 72, at Twentynine Palms, after 53 years of religious life and 45 of priesthood.