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R. D. Peter P. Pritzl, O. Praem.

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Our brother Peter Pritzl was born in Hollandtown, Wisconsin in 1904. After graduating from St. Norbert High and a year at the college, he joined the Order in 1923. He was a Latin teacher at St. Norbert High from 1925 until 1929, having taken his solemn vows in 1928.

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In 1930, Pete earned an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and in 1931 began a career of teaching at the college. In 1931, he was an instructor in Latin and mathematics, and in '32, a professor of chemistry. By 1935, he had become the chairman of the chemistry department. From 1935 to 1939, he added the responsibility of master of novices. In 1944, Pete was appointed Dean of St. Norbert College. From 1946 until 1961, he returned to teaching chemistry until his retirement from the faculty.

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Opening a new chapter of his life, Pete was master of novices at St. Michael's Priory in Orange, California, for a short time in 1961. Beginning in 1962, he ministered in Cut Bank, Shelby and Sunburst, Montana, before retiring to the college priory.

A third chapter of his life began in 1974, when he entered the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Ministry, where he was a participant and leader of priests' retreats until 1984.

In 1977, the college established the Peter Pritzl Scholarship for Chemistry in his name. In 1980, he was given the 50th Year Award by the American Chemical Society, and in 1985, Peter received the Alma Mater award from the college.

Pete died Monday, October 3rd, 1993 at the age of 89.

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