

# Fr. Ildephonse (Edward) Skorup, O.f.m.

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## Fr. Ildephonse (Edward) Skorup, O.F.M.

Manitowoc - Fr. Ildephonse Skorup, O.F.M., a Franciscan friar of the Sacred Heart Province, died on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Holy Family Memorial Hospital in Manitowoc, WI, at the age of 89. Edward Skorup was born on March 18, 1930, in Chicago, IL, to Aemilian Skorup and Anna (Litviak) Skorup. He was baptized at St Michael Parish in Chicago, IL. Edward was received into the Franciscan community as a novice on July 4, 1952, and given the name Ildephonse. He professed solemn vows on July 5, 1956, and was ordained a priest by Bishop William O'Connor on June 24, 1959.

After ordination, Fr. Ildephonse studied at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, pursuing a degree in Education. He taught at Padua Franciscan High School in Cleveland, OH, for two years. For the next six years, he was a pastoral minister in two Missouri parishes. Education was his first priority, so he went back to teaching at St. Francis de Sales High School in Chicago, IL, for seventeen years. After a much-needed sabbatical, Fr. Ildephonse changed ministries and became the

chaplain for the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, IL. He retired in 2013 and moved to Blessed Giles Friary in Manitowoc.

Fr. Ildephonse was preceded in death by his parents, Aemilian and Anna Skorup; a sister, Ruth Skorup and a nephew, Chris Skorup; two sisters-in-law, Marian Soukup and Marie Jeanne Abt. He is survived by his brother, Emil of Orland Park, IL; a niece, Madeleine (Thomas) Kwiatowski; two nephews, Mark (Karen) Skorup and Emil David Skorup; 8 great nieces and nephews and several great-great nieces and nephews, and his Franciscan family.

Family, friars, and friends will gather at the Blessed Angela Chapel at Felician Village (1635 South 21st Street) on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, with a visitation at 12:30 p.m., followed by the funeral liturgy at 1:00 p.m., with burial in the friars' plot at Calvary Cemetery in Manitowoc, WI. Officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial will be the Rev. John Eaton, O.F.M., Provincial Vicar.

In your kindness, please consider making a donation in memory of Fr. Ildephonse for the continued care of our retired Franciscan brothers and priests. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please send your charitable donation to Blessed Giles Friary, 1820 Grand Avenue, Manitowoc, WI, 54220. May God bless you.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting [www.pfefferfuneralhome.com](http://www.pfefferfuneralhome.com).

The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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