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Dear Sisters and Associates,

A “life well celebrated” we often heard on June 30th, the day we received the unexpected and shocking word of the death of Br. Chris Lambert, OFM. Brother Chris, a member of the Sacred Heart Province and an Associate of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN resided at St. Anthony Friary in South St. Louis, MO.

Br. Chris was close to his family, especially his sisters. Family was important to him. We heard of Segway tours through Chicago, a city he loved. In a recent note along with his monthly donation he wrote: “I am so happy about the return of summer! I’ve also renewed my membership at the Missouri Botanical Garden – what a beautiful and serene place it is. To me, this is one of the most exquisite times of the year—hope you’re enjoying it as much as I am.”

Br. Chris had friends throughout the country, many made through his memberships in difference clubs and professional organizations such as the Lock Smith’s association, the American guild of theater organists, the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg, IN. He practically knew the entire Amtrak schedule throughout the U.S. almost by heart. In the last note he had mailed on June 27th he wrote: “As I sat down to write this, it occurred to me that we’re already at the half-way mark of the year! At the same time, I have to admit that I purchased my first Christmas gift last week!!”

Br. Jim Lause brought closure to his homily saying: “We didn’t always know of the burdens that Br. Chris carried as he went about all of his many duties and responsibilities each day out of love for his (Franciscan) brothers, the Province, his family and friends. But we do know that now those burdens have been lifted. Our Lord Jesus has given him rest and peace in that special place prepared for Chris for all eternity.”

In loving gratitude for Br. Chris,

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