

# *In Memory of Sr. Anthony Therese Limbert, SA*

~ Excerpts from the Homily of Fr. Donald Stein ~

Funeral Mass of AUGUST 11, 2012 - Saturday

“There are two times in our lives in which we have no control and these two times are: Date and Place of our Birth & Date and Place of our Death. These are in the hands of God, our Creator.

“When we lay our dear deceased to rest, we place a marker on their grave with their name inscribed upon it to commemorate that they were a pilgrim person with us on our journey of life. Below their name, we inscribe the year of their birth and the year of their death. These two dates are usually divided by a DASH. It really doesn't matter, where or when we were born, nor where or when we died - what really matters is the DASH. What we did with the precious gift of life that God has allotted each one of us from the time of our birth to the moment of our death.

“Sr. Anthony Thérèse lived her DASH to the fullest ... 92 years of love and service. She was a lively young lady who attended school in Agassiz, B.C. and went on to Normal School (Teachers' College) in Vancouver and started teaching at Immaculate Conception Parochial School in Vancouver. She returned home to Agassiz and taught in the local school - well respected by all, students, parents and fellow teachers.

“Sr. Anthony Thérèse served in various convents of the Atonement Sisters in NY State, Colorado, Vancouver, Edmonton at the Atonement Home, and Revelstoke. In 1982, she received the call to serve in the Atonement Sisters' mission in Japan for 21 years. In the words of Sr. Anthony Therese, 'There I remained for more than 20 years - precious years - tremendous experience! Thank you God for your mighty blessings.' Yes, her mission to Japan was indelibly marked in her heart and life. She would share with us her many experiences there.

“Today, we are honoring TWO PERSONS: Sr. Anthony Thérèse Limbert and her inseparable LOVE of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. That is why the Easter candle is burning at the foot of her coffin, for when she was baptized: Fernandine Mary Limbert, she was given a lighted Baptism candle, with these words:

'This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly - you are enlightened by CHRIST - you are to walk always as a child of LIGHT. May you keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes - may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.'

“Last Friday was the First Friday of the month of August. It was my privilege to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with (the Sisters at St. Joseph's Home) - and to celebrate Mass. Sr. Anthony Thérèse was always so appreciative of my coming. In spite of her pain and suffering, she was all prepared to join the other Sisters on the occasion. Sr. Hope had her all ready in her wheel chair. She didn't want to miss any occasion to meet her Christ. After confessions, I mentioned to Sr. Hope that it might be appropriate to administer the Sacrament of the Sick with Sr. Anthony Thérèse. I hurried out to my car to get the Holy Oil of the Sick ... This gave Sister much strength. After Mass, she joined us for coffee and sharing... What a wonderful memory we all have of this time.

“Although Sr. Anthony Thérèse often shared with us her desire to die - she was ready to meet her God, never realizing that God had a surprise for her, as she died last Monday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. What a wonderful feast to meet Jesus and experience his glorification. Another surprise God had in store for her was that her burial, today, Saturday, August 11, is the Feast Day of St. Clare.



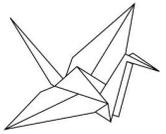
“Sister's niece, Leone, shared with us the second reading, St. Paul's letter to the Romans - chapter 8, verses 1-5: 'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory that is to be revealed to us ... and not only this ... but also we ourselves waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters—the redemption of our body.'

Thank you for the gift of Sr. Anthony Thérèse. In the spirit of the Olympics and also St. Paul in his many writings states: 'She has run the race, she has crossed the finish line. She is receiving her Gold Medal.' Thank you, Sr. Anthony Thérèse for all you have done for us and for so many on your pilgrimage of life. We are truly grateful to you.”

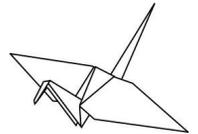
**Birth:** December 19, 1919 ♀ **Death:** August 6, 2012

**Entered our Congregation:** October 24, 1954

**First Profession:** May 21, 1956 ♀ **Final Vows:** September 2, 1961



# Sharing NEWS from JAPAN



The **Franciscan Sisters and Friars of the Atonement in Japan**, gathered on October 2, 2012 to celebrate the FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS.

After the Eucharistic liturgy, a ceremony was held to place a lock of hair from **Sr. Anthony Therese Limbert** (who died on August 6, 2012 in Edmonton, AB, Canada) into the mausoleum at St. Joseph's Church in Tsurumi.

At the same time, the remains of Br. Kieran Cullen (who died on January 18, 2012) were also placed in the mausoleum. The photos below are from the celebration and ceremony.



Above (L-R): Sr. Mary Stella Ishizaki, Sr. Mavis DeMan, Fr. Pacificus Von Essen, Mrs. Fusae Takahashi (Associate), Sr. Angela Marie Kumagai, Fr. Joseph Hiramatsu, Sr. Paul Miki Matsumoto & Br. Ignatius Kobayashi

