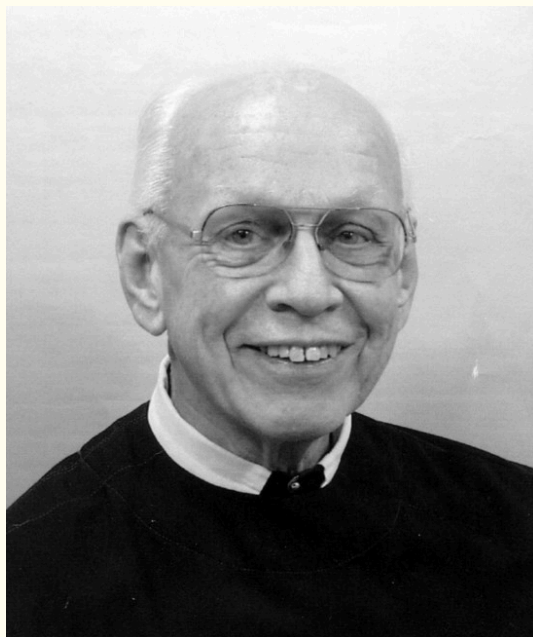




Brother John Grider

1919-2014

Brother John was an Alexian Brother for almost 75 years. Born in Springfield, Kentucky, Brother John joined the Alexian Brothers at Signal Mountain, Tennessee in 1939 and made his Life Profession in 1947. He was educated and served as a Registered Nurse and a Medical Technologist, serving as a Director of Postulants, as a Community Health Nurse in Walterboro, SC and many other roles within the Alexian Brothers. He was a choir director and organist, and enjoyed bird watching. He is remembered for his bright smile and willingness to help, even offering to help the nurses caring for him in his last hours.

Following is an experience of Brother Grider by Patrick Lampe of St. Louis:

“Early in my association with the Alexian Brothers, I accompanied Brother John Grider, CFA, an Alexian Brother serving as a community nurse, on home visits to people in a St. Louis neighborhood. One of our first stops was to see Walter, who lived in an unfinished, dimly lit basement. He was elderly and confined to a wheelchair, as he had no legs. It took two men to carry him up a flight of stairs and outdoors in order

to get him to doctors' appointments.

Brother John did most of Walter's shopping, helped bathe him, checked his vitals and mostly just chatted with him. For this man who was seemingly abandoned by everyone, Brother John was his connection to the world.

This was the first of many such visits that brought to life for me the Alexian Brothers' charism, their ministry to the outsider and the frail elderly and a tangible expression of their core values of compassion, care of the poor, dignity of the person, holism and partnership."

Adapted from Patrick Lampe, "The Alexian Story: Heeding the Call," *Health Progress*, Journal of the Catholic Association of the U.S., Nov/Dec 2014

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