

A Father Terry O'Connell, OMI Memorial

As we continue to mourn the passing of Fr. Terry O'Connell just a few short months ago, many have thoughtfully and respectfully registered Masses to be celebrated here for the repose of his soul; in addition, it's notable that quite a few folks have sent monetary donations in remembrance of his decade-long service here as Director of the Shrine.

We have considered what might be a fitting memorial to Fr. Terry that might be installed here at the Shrine of St. Joseph the Worker. Given that he was such an effective *communicator*, one idea proposes to mount a large screen monitor on the wall at the top landing of the stairwell entrance to the confessional lobby (*where a tapestry honoring St. Joseph currently hangs*) visible to all who enter the Shrine. This screen will be digitally linked to a computer generating images and informational packages that would be used, for example: to promote up-coming events here at the Shrine, highlight any holiday scheduling, promote exhibits in our heritage museum, feature Oblate happenings locally and across the globe and give some exposure to religious items, inspirational books and media available in our Gift Shop/Bookstore.

If this idea continues to gain traction and funds continue to be donated toward realizing the project, we could move forward. One more consideration: perhaps there would be someone who could volunteer to manage the operation of this digital bulletin board – taking digital photos and preparing materials for electronic posting on a weekly basis to keep the content current and interesting. Stay tuned for further developments as this idea unfolds. Let us hear from you if you would want to be part of this living memorial to Fr. Terry, the Shrine's own '*Great Communicator*' of happy memory.