

# Fond Farewells

## Father David Eckelkamp, OFM

+ June 4, 1927 - April 1, 2008 +

By William Wicks, SFO



David Eckelkamp, OFM

Fr. David was a friar of Sacred Heart, O.F.M., Province. He was ordained on June 29, 1953. Former National Minister Richard Morton recalls that, while he was Vice Minister of Sacred Heart Province in the early eighties, Fr. David exhibited an understanding and an embracing of the newly developing concept of co-responsibility between the SFO and the friars; he noticed that Fr. David was glad to share the podium with the then minister, the late Tom Carter, allowing Tom to speak first. I concur with Richard's observation. I found Fr. David to be a kind, compassionate person, who treated me as a Franciscan brother. He has served as Spiritual Assistant at all levels of fraternity: provincial, regional and national, as the O.F.M. representative to the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants. Patrick Mendés, our present National Minister, remembers Fr. David as an ardent promoter of the SFO and a role model of what it means to be a Franciscan - he was a good and holy man and a treasure of our Franciscan family. Patrick adds that Fr. David was a good friend, who will be remembered, not only for his wisdom, but also for his gentleness. +++

### Quote:

The center of human nature is rooted in ten thousand ordinary acts of kindness that define our days.

Stephen Jay Gould

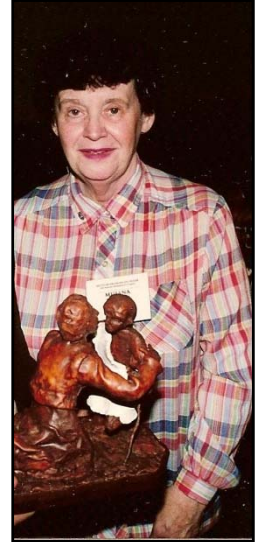
## Mujana Darian, SFO

+ 1927 - 2007 +

By Jan Parker, SFO

Mujana Darian, SFO passed from this life to be with the Lord on December 18, 2007. She was eighty. Mujana, a convert to Catholicism, was a member of Sacred Heart Fraternity in St. Clare Region. She was the author of several books, including, So That's the New Rule and So That's the Constitutions, which were popular during the time of transition to 1978 Rule - and books that were used in the R.C.I.A. program. She edited a newsletter, "*Franciscan Communications*," that was distributed to subscribers across the country in the eighties and early nineties, prior to the resumption of the official national SFO newsletter, in 1992. She also wrote for the *Franciscan Herald and Forum*, and sculpted, when inspired. Her original art work includes a large collection of statues of St. Francis, all depicting different scenes from his life. Mujana bequeathed her collection to the Poor Clares in Oakville, Mo. She will be missed. Memorials may be made to Masses.

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Mujana Darian, SFO

### Quote:

*"...let them pay attention to what they must desire above all else: to have the Spirit of the Lord and Its holy activity..."*

Francis of Assisi