

I wish to send word of my heartfelt sadness at the news of the passing of my beloved friend and colleague Bro. Joseph Keckeissen into eternity. Please give communicate my solidarity in prayer to the Silesian community close to the university and let them know that I offered my Mass this morning for his eternal repose.

I had a special fondness for Br. Joseph not merely because we shared so many ideas in common (he gently critiqued by paper on Liberation Theology at the Mount Pelerin Society meeting in Antigua in 1990 where the idea for the Acton Institute was born), or because we shared a vocation to the Church, but also because we shared a common origin in both being born in Brooklyn, New York. Br. Joseph's particular version of the Brooklyn accent reminded me so much of my own father's, and this too was a reason for my particular affection for him.

His contribution to the intellectual life of so many will live well beyond him, and I pray that his vigorous and indefatigable efforts to promote a correct understanding of the free and virtuous society will bear rich and robust fruit in subsequent generations.

Know of my love and prayers.

*Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Fr. Robert Sirico,
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