

Memories of Fr. Benjamin Brazier C.Ss.R

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Fr. (Francis) Benjamin Brazier – or Ben Brazier died in Erdington Birmingham in 1989.

Ben Brazier used to get very worked up about matters concerning the changes in Liturgy in the 1960s and the '70s, and if there was a discussion in the common room at all, he would get very upset and lose his temper trying to defend the old use of Latin and the old form of the celebration of the Liturgy.

And on one occasion one of the young members of the community, young Chris Harris went to his room one night going to bed and he found a letter stuck in the name plate on his door. And so he took this letter off and it was a letter

Dear Fr. Harris,

Would you do me a favour and please do not discuss the Liturgy in public. You know how upset it makes me, and I have great scruples then if I lose my temper with my confreres so please be charitable and do not promote these discussions in public.

Your devoted confrere

Benjamin Brazier.

PS You know you're wrong of course.