



Fr. Lambert Simon was born on November 2, 1913 in Székesfehérvár. He later graduated from the local Cistercian high school. On August 29, 1932 he entered the Abbey of Zirc and took the Novitiate habit. He was ordained a priest on June 29, 1939. After obtaining a graduate degrees in both biology and geography Fr. Lambert worked as a teacher in Budapest. His sermons as a pastor's assistant drew large crowds and were transmitted on national radio.

In 1950, immediately before the suppression of the Order, he left Hungary by crossing the "iron curtain" illegally with the help of friends. Shortly thereafter Fr. Lambert came to the United States where he entered the monastery in Spring Bank, Wisconsin. For a few years Fr. Lambert was the cellarer, but moved to Texas in Fall of 1953, before the canonical visitation. To prepare for teaching at the University of Dallas, he continued his studies at St. Louis University and obtained a master's degree in Chemistry. He began teaching at UD in 1960 where he significantly contributed in developing the university's pre-med program and organizing the first computer center.

Fr. Lambert was the only son of his widowed mother and anxiously wished to visit her in Hungary before she passed away. In 1964 he was able to see her in Vienna, but her sudden death a short time later prevented him from visiting her again. Shaken by the death of his mother Fr. Lambert became more reclusive, and even refused to visit Hungary later in life when there were more opportunities to travel.

After a stroke in 1979, he retired from teaching. He died in his sleep in the monastery's lake house in Flower Mound on June 19, 1981. In the absence of Abbot Anselm, Bishop Tschoepe buried him.

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