

"Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice"

On behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, H.E. Msgr. Claudio Gugerotti, presented the Papal "Cross of Honor" to Brother Peter Bray FSC, for his service to the Church and education. The award was conferred on Thursday 22 June 2023 during the Papal Audience for ROACO.

Pictured on the right, the medal, awarded in gold, is officially known as "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" (literally "For the Church and the Pope"). It is one of the highest honors that the Pope can bestow upon the laity and religious. The obverse depicts the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. On the left arm of the cross is the inscription *Pro Ecclesia*, on the right arm of the cross is *Et Pontifice*. At the point of the bottom arm of the cross is the coat of arms of the Pope. At the points of the other arms are small Greek crosses.

