

Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey

Monday, July 29, Br. Alberic Gardner turns 100 becoming the longest-lived Genesee monk!



Alberic (Louis) joined the merchant marine after high school and worked on commercial ships running the gauntlet of German submarines. He participated in the "D Day" invasion of Normandy, arriving 11 hours after the first wave of soldiers went ashore, and operating a tug boat near Omaha Beach, helping to create a bridge that would allow the "Duks" (amphibious vehicles) to land. He would later serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He entered Genesee on January 15, 1953, and made solemn vows on August 15, 1958. He managed and worked on the farm for 50 years. Even today he is active and serves the community working in the library.

Ad multos annos, Brother Alberic!