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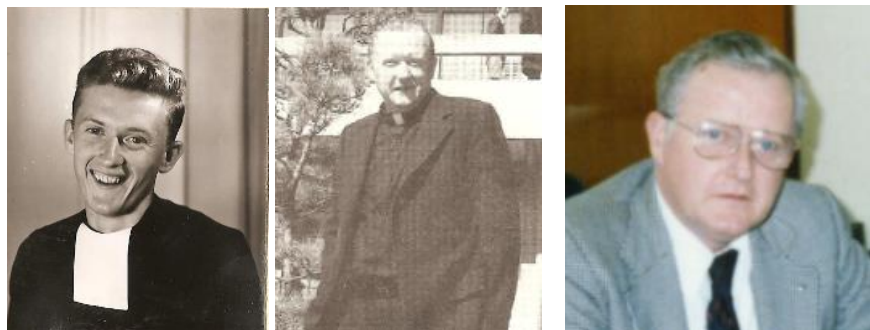
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## February

*February 2, 2001 Bro. Patrick Francis Tyrrell—Group of 1949, Age 69*

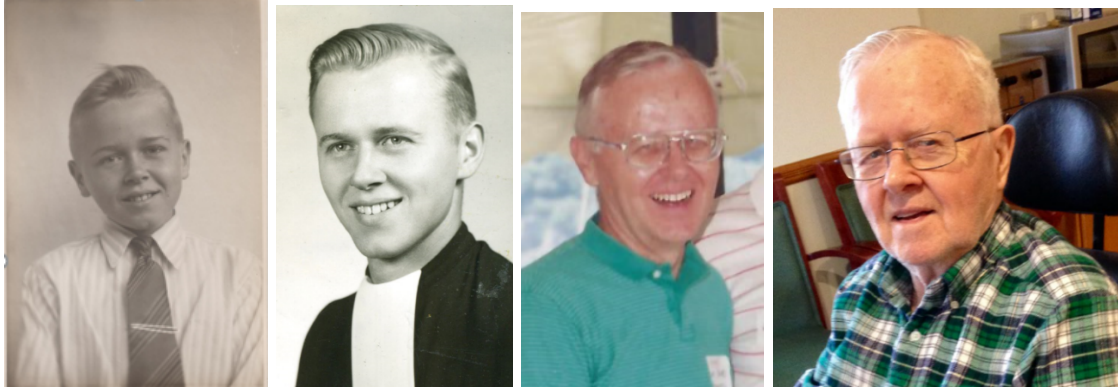


Born in Manhattan, Pat entered our Marist Brothers novitiate after graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. He went on to Marist College where he earned a Bachelors' degree in English. He then returned to Hayes to teach, serving later at our Marist school in Savannah, Georgia.

In 1957 Pat was asked to help out with the newly established Marist mission in Kobe, Japan; he remained there for thirty-seven years. He studied the Japanese language in Tokyo and became fluent. In 1961 he established Marist High School, Kumamoto, a Japanese medium institution, and served as its principal until 1994. Emperor Akihito awarded him the Outstanding Educator Award for his service to the young people of Japan.

Upon his return to the U.S.A., Pat took a position as a member of the Province Development Team and worked out of an office set up in the brothers' community at Mount Saint Michael Academy. Marist College awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1996. Pat died at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx after a lengthy battle with cancer. More than eight hundred people attended his wake at the Mount including several of his colleagues and friends from Japan. [Obituary—edited]

*February 2, 2018; Bro. Luke Reddington—Group of 1951, Age 83*



At Luke's funeral, his nephew used these words to describe his Uncle Bob: humble, thoughtful, giving, kind, insightful, always compassionate, loyal, loving and loved. Quite a tribute!

Luke Reddington was born and reared in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan. He was a lifelong fan of the Yankees and a Marist Brother for sixty-seven years.

In 1949, Luke entered the Juniorate; he was a high school senior. A year later he moved on to the Marist novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. During formation, he was given the nickname "Bobby Fair Play," This endearment gave some insight into the gifted man and brother who would emerge in later years.

Following his graduation from Marist College, Luke served as a cook for the Brothers at Marist College. Subsequently, he moved to Saint Anne's Academy in New York City where he taught for a year before the school moved to Queens and became Archbishop Molloy High School.

In 1961, Luke earned a Masters degree in English from St. John's University. For the next twelve years he ministered at Christ the King High School in Queens, New York and at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida. Beginning in 1974, he served the Brothers of the Province of Esopus as Provincial.

On completing this ministry, Luke returned to Molloy as a teacher. His next assignment was as Principal at Sacred Heart School in Bronx, New York.

In 1987, following a sabbatical year at Weston Institute of Theology, he was asked to serve as Master of novices. Completing this work, he joined Phil Robert and Bill Lavigne in West Virginia where, for six years, he served as Pastoral Administrator at Saint Mary's Parish in Petersburg. Subsequently, he spent six years at Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey working in youth ministry.

In 2012, health issues forced Luke to retire to Champagnat Hall. While there, the progression of his Parkinson's disease eventually interfered with his ability to speak; nevertheless, he continued to communicate as best he could. His enjoyment of the written word has left us with an impressive collection of his thoughts and given us an insight into the soul of this very reflective man and brother.

*February 3, 1966 Bro. Joseph Nathaniel Daigle—Group of 1921, Age 60*



“Papa Nates,” as his brothers affectionately called him, was born on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1906 in Saint Ferdinand, Quebec, Canada. He earned his Bachelors’ degree in Education from Fordham University in 1932 and went on to teach at a number of schools throughout the Province, including Saint Ann’s Academy and Saint Agnes Boys High School in Manhattan, St Anne School in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia and St. Joseph’s High School in Lowell, Massachusetts.

*February 3, 1970 Bro. Abelus Parent—Group of 1892, Age 94*



Abelus, a man loved and revered by all—indeed a living saint—spent most of his life as a gardener. He was known for his extraordinary patience with the young brothers who often worked alongside him, even the most inefficient.

He was never one to call attention to himself or to make a fuss. Gentle, generous and kind, he was known to use Copenhagen snuff but kept that fact to himself lest he cause scandal. Abelus retired to Saint Joseph's novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts where he lived into his mid-nineties. [Br. Paul Ambrose]

*February 3, 1998 Bro. Victor Ralph Labrie—Group of 1928, Age 85*



Born in Canada on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1912, Victor entered our Marist novitiate in Poughkeepsie, New York and upon making his first profession became a member of the US Province.

He was known to be a lifelong student of Scripture and during the course of his life taught both Old and New Testament to Marist novices in Africa as well as to the novices of an African congregation of sisters.

Victor also served as a missionary for most of his life. He at first volunteered for service as part of our Marist mission in the Philippines but was asked to go instead to Rhodesia, where the need was seen as greater at that time. He spent most of his apostolic years there and was known as a “mover and shaker,” teaching, organizing concerts, publishing a magazine, setting up debates as well as boxing matches.

He was known also to dedicate his weekends to caring for and riding his horse and to hunting. He killed small animals for food but was also proud of some of his big game trophies. Known throughout his life as a prayerful man, Victor is buried in our Marist cemetery in present day Zimbabwe. [Eulogies—edited]

***February 3, 2013 Bro. Kenneth Curtin—Group of 1963, Age 68***



Ken began his teaching ministry in 1967 at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida. He then moved on to St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey and Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey.

For a time, he served as Director of our Marist Retreat House in Esopus, New York and later was Pastoral Associate at Saint Malachy's Actors' Chapel in New York City.

In 1993 he returned to Christopher Columbus High School—his first love—where he served as campus minister and later as admission director until he became ill with cancer in 2012. He died peacefully at Champagnat Hall with his two sisters singing hymns and praying with him as he passed from this life.

*February 4, 1989 Bro. Denis Damian Hyndsman - Group of 1948, Age 63*



Denis graduated from Saint Francis of Rome Elementary School and Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. He entered our Marist brotherhood after serving in the Navy during the Second World War.

He taught and coached basketball at Saint Agnes Boys High School and later spent ten years working in formation, first as a teacher and then as Master of Juniors at Marist Prep in Esopus and Cold Spring-on-Hudson, New York.

Denis taught for fifteen years in New Jersey public schools where he was known for his concern for his students. That concern was equally shown toward his brothers. “How are you doing” was his favorite greeting—and it was meant sincerely. During the last three years of his life he taught at Good Council School where he was affectionately referred to as “Grandpa.”

*February 7, 1949 Bro. Emile Nestor LeBlanc—Group of 1913, Age 51*



Emile Nestor was known to be a very intelligent man, one of our first US brothers to obtain a doctoral degree. He was also a consummate professional, engaging, a joy to listen to.

Director of studies for the Province numbered among his many assignments. In his later years he suffered from several serious bouts of depression and spent many of his final years in a center for religious and priests burdened with emotional problems. [Br. Paul Ambrose—edited]

*February 7, 1955 Bro. Kieran Martin Garneau—Group of 1945, Age 27*

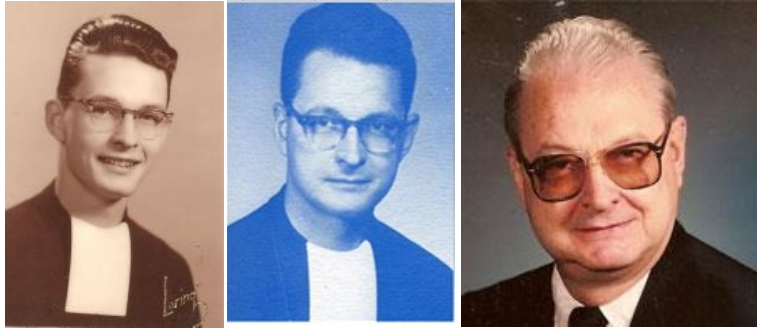


Kieran was born in Miami, Florida on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1928. In 1942 he became a student in the first class to occupy the new Marist juniorate set up in Esopus, New York.

He went on to teach at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia and Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. He was on the staff of Marmion Military Academy in Illinois when he suffered a stroke one morning just after meditation, dying almost instantaneously. He had spent ten years in community.

[Province eulogy—edited]

*February 8, 2012 Bro. James C. Gaffney—Group of 1949, Age 79*



Born in New York City on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1932 to Elizabeth Hinz and James Gaffney, Jim passed two years in the scholasticate, from 1950 to 1952. He was then assigned to Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Five years later, in May of 1957, he received his Bachelors' degree in French from Marist College and went on to earn a Masters' degree in the same area from Saint John's University in 1961. In 1980 he completed a second Masters in reading.

Jim's teaching assignments included Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia, Cardinal Hayes High School and Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, and Holy Trinity School in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He retired to Champagnat Hall at the Mount in 1999 and tutored many brothers from around our Marist world who came to the States to learn or improve their English. Jim was a devoted model train enthusiast; while at the Mount he set up his collection of trains and constructed a miniature village around them.

*February 8, 2022 Bro. Ernest Beland—Group of 1958, Age 83*



Ernie first met the Marist Brothers as a student at St. Joseph's High School in Lowell, Massachusetts. An avid athlete, he played on the St. Joseph's basketball and

baseball teams. In fact, he "held" the St. Joseph varsity basketball scoring record from his graduation until the school closed its doors. In contrast to most of his fellow New Englanders, Ernie prided himself as a staunch Yankee fan; a loyalty that started from his listening to Yankee games on his transistor radio as a youngster.

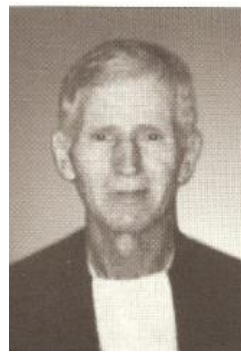
His love of sports continued in Poughkeepsie where he played on the Scholastic's basketball team and later as a coach at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence.

Except for a combined seven years of teaching at St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull, Connecticut, Marist High School in Chicago and Marist High School in Eugene, Oregon, Ernie spent the remainder of his Marist life at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. His M.A. in English Literature prepared him well to be an extremely well-organized and disciplined teacher. By the end of June each year, he had prepared all of his tests for the following school year. Stored in boxes by date and subject, they were ready when test time came. Since he seemed to plan his classes "down to the minute," he was not a fan of fire drills, snow days or any changes to the ordinary school schedule.

Ernie was a devoted friend even jeopardizing his own health in caring for Brother Tom Pettite. He unstintingly drove Tom to his many doctors' appointments; did pharmacy pick-ups; changed bandages and helped Tom dress each day.

Ernie lived a simple, uncomplicated life. He had a great sense of humor; loved to tell stories; enjoyed doing crossword puzzles each morning; and, when he was able, liked going out to dinner. Most of all, he loved being a Marist Brother.

*February 9, 2005 Bro. Simeon Gerald Gosselin—Group of 1933, Age 87*



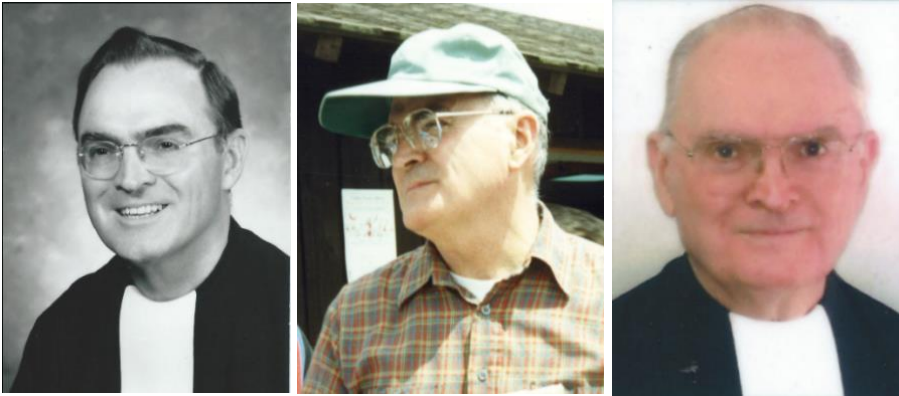
Simeon, one of twelve children, was born in Quebec, Canada. His family immigrated to the US when he was nine years of age.

Having first met the Marist Brothers in elementary school, Simeon entered the juniorate in Poughkeepsie in 1930. He went on to earn a Bachelors' degree in English from Catholic University in Washington, DC and later an MA in Education from Fordham University in New York.

Simeon taught at our Marist novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts for fourteen years and subsequently at Saint Joseph's High School in Lowell, Massachusetts, Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, and Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Throughout his life he worked at collecting money for our Marist missions; sometimes his schemes for achieving this end went a bit too far. Though strong willed, he was a prayerful and humble man. After his death, he was honored by induction into the Hall of Fame at Our Lady of Lourdes High School. [Eulogy Br. Cornelius Russell and stories—edited]

*February 9, 2017 Bro. Thomas O'Malley—Group of 1949, Age 86*



Tom Grady was always known to his Marist brothers as 'Franky Thomas.' Growing up in Bronx, New York, he first met the community at Saint Anne's Academy; in 1943, he entered the Juniorate.

In time, Franky Thomas earned his MA from Hunter College in New York City and spent a number of years as a teacher in Province schools including Saint Helena High School (later Msgr. Scanlon High School) in the Bronx and Archbishop Molloy and Christ the King High Schools in Queens.

Franky moved on to Saint Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York in 1969 and remained there for the next twenty-one years. In 1990, he relocated to Archbishop Molloy High School where he ministered for an additional fifteen years. Retiring in 2005 to the Third floor community at Molloy, he continued to spend his summers at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire where he served in various capacities. All in all, he spent fifty-five years at camp.

*February 10, 1952 Bro. Pierre Vincent Four*



*February 11, 2012 Bro. Godfrey Robertson—Group of 1941, Age 93*



“Jack” Godfrey Robinson was a tall and soft-spoken “southern gentleman” who hailed from Savannah, Georgia. Following his novitiate and two years at Marist College, he returned to Georgia where he

began his forty-four year teaching career at Boy’s High School in Augusta. In time, he became an accomplished coach of football, basketball and baseball.

Jack moved on to Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts where he was named Athletic Director and proceeded to develop an exceptionally successful sports program. He was a much sought after basketball commentator for the local radio station, founded the Northern Essex Indoor Track Conference and founded and directed the Central Catholic Grammar School basketball league. In time he was elected a member of the CCHS Hall of Fame as well as the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

During the summer months, Jack could be found directing the Camp Marist waterfront program and teaching power-boating. Throughout his life, he was also a fan of NASCAR and a lover of live theatre and a good meal. He retired to Champagnat Hall at Mount Saint Michael Academy in 1990.

*February 12, 1990 Bro. Peter Adrian Berruto—Group of 1912, Age 94*



“Giuseppe,” as he was known among many of his Marist brothers, was born in 1895 near Turin, Italy and entered our Marist juniorate at the age of 11 or 12; three years later he was transferred to the International Juniorate also located in Italy at that time.

In 1913, at the age of seventeen and a year after being invested in his Marist habit and receiving his religious name, he was drafted into the Italian army and served in World War I. Following the war, he taught in Italy for two years, and in 1921 traveled to the U.S.A. for his Scholasticate. Subsequently, he taught in schools in Lowell and Haverhill, Massachusetts, Manchester, New Hampshire, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, and at Saint Ann’s Academy where he spent twenty years.

Peter returned to Europe in 1953 and in 1960 was appointed as receptionist and switchboard operator at the newly constructed General House in Rome. In 1975 he suffered a stroke and later developed a bleeding ulcer. His health began to deteriorate and he eventually passed away in Rome. [Br. Leonard Voegtle—edited]

*February 13, 2004 Bro. Thomas Edward Hennessy—Group of 1940, Age 83*



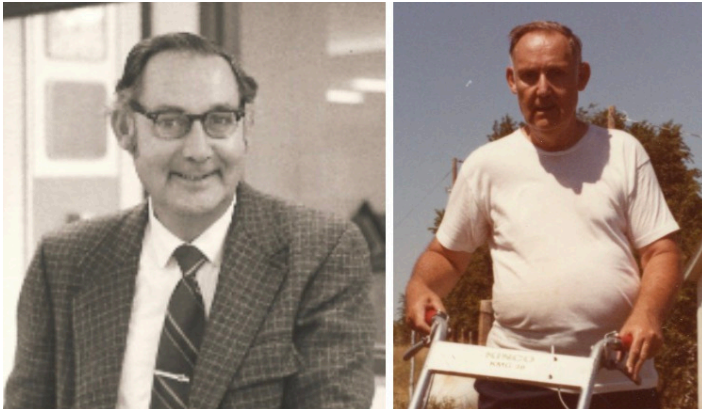
Tom was born in Staten Island, New York on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920. Subsequent to formation, he taught for ten years at Saint Peter's School in Haverstraw, New York, Saint Ann's Academy and

Bishop Dubois High School in New York City.

In 1952, he traveled to the Philippines to join our Marist mission there. Five years later he returned to the U.S.A. where he remained for seven years. Afterwards, he returned to the Philippines and served there for an additional sixteen years.

Tom earned a BS degree in Education as well as an MS in Biology from Fordham University. He was awarded his PhD in Administration by Saint Tomas University in Manila. In 1968, he made the vow of stability; he retired to Miami in 1980. [Province fact sheet—edited]

*February 14, 1997 Brother Timothy Martin McManus — Group of 1951, Age 70*



Tim was born in New Haven, Connecticut on February 4th, 1927. His mother was a registered nurse and his father a career military man. Perhaps this explains his choice of the religious name Martin, the patron saint of soldiers.

Tim spent a year in the Navy, from 1945 to 1946, serving as a Pharmacist's Mate. He received a medical discharge due to a congenital heart problem.

On entering our Marist Brotherhood, he earned an MA in French as well as an MA in Library Science. Tim also spent thirteen years as a missionary in Sarawak , Malaysia and Kobe, Japan.

He excelled as a “backseat driver,” and thought that cooking was akin to artistry. His personal cookbook contained recipes with headings such as “Spike O’Dell Funeral Potatoes,” “Orange Kiss Me Cake,” and “Better than Sex Chocolate Cake.” Tim died on Valentine’s Day, nine days after celebrating his 70th birthday.

[Eulogy by Br. Charles Filiatrault—edited]

*February 14, 2000 Bro. E. Michael Bernard—Group of 1929, Age of 88*



“Mickey,” as his Marist brothers always called him, was born in St. Gervais, Quebec, Canada on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1911. One of fifteen children, he was nine years of age when his family moved to the US in 1920.

Small in stature and speaking only French, the Sacred Heart Brothers who were his teachers placed him in the first grade. Later when his family moved to Nashua, New Hampshire his mother looked into sending him to what she thought was the Marist Brothers boarding school located at the time in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. When Mickey heard about the sports program that was being offered, he readily said yes to becoming a brother.

He often said that he was never attracted to being a teacher but loved the life of a brother and was blessed with the experience of living with a number of saintly men. He earned an MA from Fordham University, taught at many schools and served as Principal of Saint Peter’s in Haverstraw, New York. But he was equally happy to work for eighteen years in the maintenance department at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx.

Mickey retired first to Leeds Terrace in Lawrence, Massachusetts and later to our Marist residence in Miami, Florida. As his health deteriorated, he suffered a series of heart attacks. [Self-Biography—edited]

*February 15, 1920 Bro. Michel Ange Rouiller—Group of 1887, Age 51*



Born in Switzerland, Michel Ange entered our Marist novitiate at l'Hermitage in 1888; he was seventeen years of age. He was invested in the Marist habit in August of the same year and was assigned as a cook in Canada for the next year.

Following his service as a cook, Michel Ange taught at schools in Iberville and other locations. Subsequently, he worked on the juniorate farm in Quebec and in 1906 was assigned to do manual work in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In 1920 many brothers fell victim to an influenza epidemic, among them were a number of brothers, novices, postulants, and juniors in Poughkeepsie. At one time more than sixty members of the community there had come down with the illness. Two sisters from Saint Francis Hospital moved into the brothers' community and devoted themselves to the care of the sick. One of these sisters attended Michel Ange for thirty-six consecutive hours before he died. His was the only death; he was buried in the brothers' cemetery on the property of what is today Marist College. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

*February 15, 1987 Bro. Brendan Regis Ginnity—Group of 1945, Age 58*



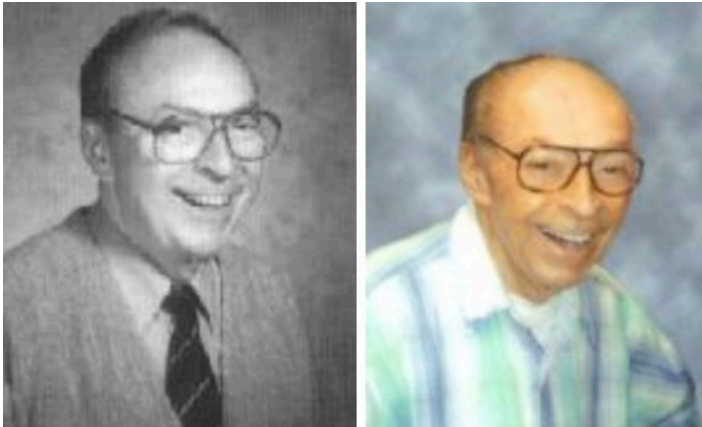
Brendan was born in 1929 in Haverstraw, New York. Known as “Uncle Richie” to his family, he was “Peter” to his friends. During his teaching career he taught at many schools in the New York City area including Saint Ann’s Academy, Saint Agnes Boys High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Archbishop Molloy

High School, and Bishop Dubois High School.

Brendan was also known for his ability to cook, a skill which he used to great satisfaction during the summers of the “project years” at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. The Brothers who were building the Chapel at Marist as well as Donnelly Hall were grateful for his presence.

He later served as Residence Director at Marist from 1968 through 1971. His eulogist reported that “his humor and his sarcasm kept the world at a certain distance—one did not get “serious” with Peter very easily—and yet, he was a man with a heart as big as his Irish frame.” [Eulogy—edited]

*February 15, 2024 Brother Declan Murray — Group of 1951, Age 79*



Brother Declan (William) Murray died on February 15, 2011 at St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx, New York, after 59 years as a Marist Brother. Declan entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts in 1950. He professed first vows in 1952. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marian College, Poughkeepsie, New York in 1954, he served on the faculty of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence from 1954-1955.

With the exception of a one year stay at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Declan served as teacher, guidance counselor and Marist Brothers' Community Directory at St. Helena/Monsignor Scanlan High School for the next nineteen years. In 1964 he received his MA in Theology at Fordham University. In 1975 Declan left Monsignor Scanlan for Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York, and remained there until 2009 when he retired to Champagnat Hall in the Bronx.

Declan Served several terms as member of the Provincial Council of the former Esopus Province and remained keenly interested in the life of both the Esopus and the future Province of the U.S.A.

Declan will be remembered for his significant contribution to what has become the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, New York. In 1967 Declan initiated the first high school retreat program in Esopus for students at St. Helena H.S. and in 1970 helped launch an "Incoming Freshman Camp" for students at St. Helena, Archbishop Molloy and Christ the King High Schools. The latter has become the very popular camp for Archbishop Mollow incoming freshmen. His love and commitment for Esopus helped insure the future of this important Marist ministry.

In his eulogy at Brother Declan's funeral Mass Brother James Maher reflected that "...Students felt that Declan really liked them and they readily bonded with him. Over the years, listening to students...the most frequent refrain I heard was, I love brother Declan."

*February 17, 1925 Bro. Dioscoride Arnaud—Group of 1863, Age 78*



Born near Le Puy, France, as was customary at the time Dioscoride was sent out to cook after being invested in the Marist habit. Subsequently he had a number of assignments in France, serving in eighteen schools over the course of thirty-seven years.

In 1903, when religious were expelled from France, Dioscoride traveled to Canada where he taught in two schools and later to Lowell, Massachusetts where he was engaged in maintenance work for eleven years. He retired at age seventy-two and returned to France where he died six years later. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

*February 17, 1999 Bro. Michael Driscoll—Group of 1964, Age 55*



As early as eighth grade, Mike thought seriously about being a brother. As a freshman at Archbishop Molloy High School he made the decision to enter the Marist juniorate in Esopus, New York. He spent three years there and, in juniorate jargon, was thus referred to as an “ancient!”

Mike went on to the novitiate in Esopus and later Marist College and subsequently taught English, first at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts and then later at Roselle Catholic High School in New Jersey, and in Texas.

He then returned to Archbishop Molloy High School where he remained for eight years and then moved on to Saint Mary’s High School where he served as a Guidance Counselor for sixteen years. Mike enjoyed manual labor, working often in the garden or helping with snow removal. He was close to his family and was faithful in visiting his mother, not an easy task since he never held a driver’s license. [Eulogy Br. Roy George—edited]

*February 17, 2010 Bro. George Kopper—Group of 1960, Age 68*



George had a fine command of his subject as a teacher and understood well the abilities of his students. He was a master of the art, science and craft of teaching.

He was also a brother who was committed to his vocation, his community, and his faith. He was on the staff of Saint Agnes Boys High School when he passed away unexpectedly from an aneurism. [Eulogy Br Dominic Pujia—edited]

*February 18, 2007 Bro. Simeon Ouellet—Group of 1945, Age 78*



Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1928, Simeon entered the Marist juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts in 1941. He later received a Master's degree in Library Science from Saint John's University in New York.

Throughout his Marist life, Simeon served as a teacher, librarian, tailor, and director of audio-visuals. For a three year period, he also worked in the Institute's archives in Rome; he also worked in the archivist for the Poughkeepsie Province from 1983 to 1987. Simeon retired to Miami in 2004 and died there three years later.

*February 18, 2013 Bro. Emil Denworth—Group of 1964, Age 74*

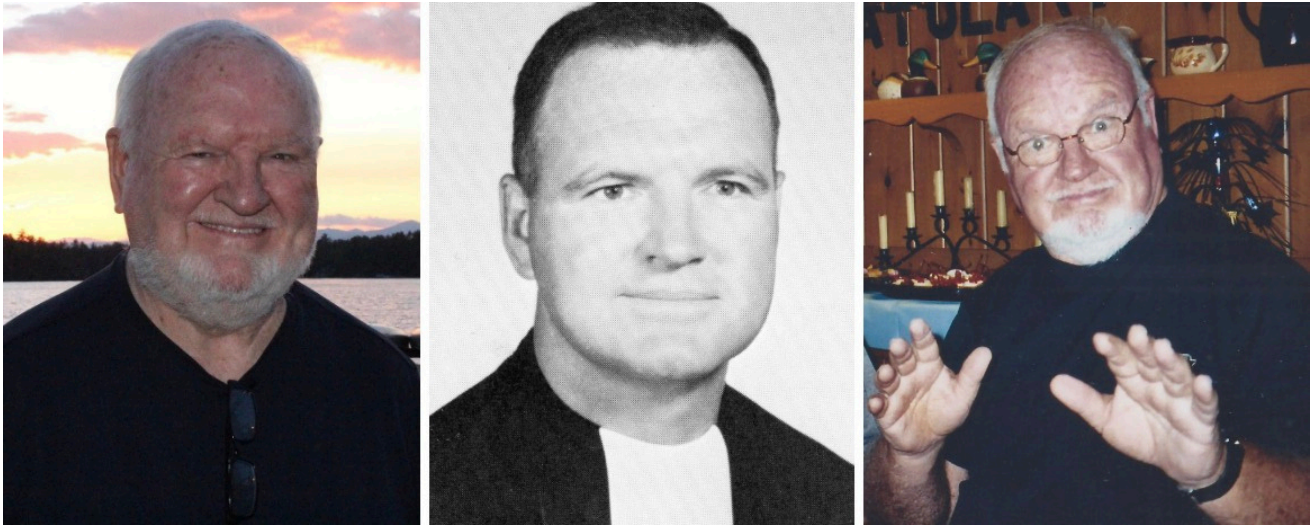


Emil began his teaching career as a Brother at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts and then moved on to Saint Joseph's High School in Trumbull, Connecticut, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx and Saint Agnes Boys High School in New York City.

In 1983, while away from the Institute for a ten year period, he served as assistant principal at Xavier High School, a Jesuit institution in New York City. On his return to the Province, he was assigned as assistant principal at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. His final years of ministry were spent as Principal of Saint Agnes Boys High School.

Emil suffered a fall during what was apparently a robbery attempt while he was walking in Central Park. He never fully recovered from his injuries and eventually retired to the Champagnat Hall community at Mount Saint Michael Academy. He was described as a "loyal, protective, reliable and hard-working" man. Following his wishes he was buried from the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary of the Virgin and is interred near his mother in that Church's cemetery.

*February 18, 2025 Brother Aquinas Richard — Group of 1948, Age 95*



Brother Aquinas Richard (Richard Smollen) died at De La Salle Hall in Lincroft, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. He was 95 years old and in his 77th year of Marist religious life. Born on November 14, 1929, he was the son of the late William and Marguerite Regan Smollen.

Aquinas (affectionately known as Ack) entered the Marist Brothers novitiate at St. Ann's Hermitage in Poughkeepsie, New York, and received the Marist habit in 1948. He pronounced his first vows there in 1949 and then went to the scholasticate at Marian College (now Marist University) where he completed a B.A. in Biology. He received a M.A. in Biology from Fordham University in 1959.

He began his long career as a teacher and a coach at Mt. St. Michael's Academy in the Bronx and subsequently at St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York, Bishop Dubois in Manhattan and finally Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York. During his nearly fifty-eight years at Mollow, he made a remarkable impact on countless students as a Biology teacher and especially as the coach of Molloy's remarkably successful freshman Cross Country and Indoor/Outdorr track teams. For many years he devoted his summers as the "host" of the Log Cabin at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire.

In 2018, he retired to De La Salle. For a brief time, he resided at the Marist community at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx and then returned to De La Salle Hall where he was living at the time of his death.

*February 19, 1935 Bro. John Casimir Morizod - Group of 1890, Age 64*



Born in Switzerland, John Casimir was invested in our Marist habit at l'Hermitage. He made his vow of obedience a year later and was sent to Britain for a year to learn English.

In 1892 he arrived at St. Anne's School in Lawrence, Massachusetts and remained there for the next nine years. He went on to teach in Iberville, Canada and then made his Second Novitiate.

On his return to the US, he was assigned to the novitiate in Poughkeepsie, New York. Later he served as Master of Juniors for fourteen years. Twelve years of teaching in several schools followed; he was then transferred to the infirmary suffering from acute nephritis (an inflammation of the kidneys). Following two weeks of bed rest, he was taken the hospital where he died. During the final moments of his life, five brothers and two Franciscan sisters remained at his bed side. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

*February 19, 1953 Bro. Albert Gustave Roberge—Group of 1912, Age 56*



Following his years as a student at Saint Anne's elementary school in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Albert entered our Marist juniorate in Poughkeepsie, New York at age fourteen. His first assignment, after he became an accomplished cook, was in Montreal, Canada.

He was known to be a prayerful man, someone who was faithful to his private and community prayers. He also loved to work with his hands and became a master carpenter. He is responsible for the woodwork that adorns the library at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. As a tribute to his labor, the library was named after him.

Albert also had a great devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes; the grotto behind Champagnat Hall at the Mount is his creation. His years as a teacher were served in elementary schools throughout the Province, including assignments in Lowell, Massachusetts, Poughkeepsie, New York, New York City, Savannah, Georgia, and Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Suffering from stomach pains, he was diagnosed with cancer which quickly spread to his liver. Being unable to digest food, this once muscular man was reduced to skin and bones. He chose to spend his final days at Saint Francis hospital in Poughkeepsie where he enjoyed the visits and the care of his brothers as well as that of the Franciscan sisters. [Provincial Biography—edited]

*February 19, 1953 Bro. Louis Raphael Laroche—Group of 1889, Age 80*



*February 19, 1963 Bro. Victor Tertullien Boutheyre—Group of 1903, Age 76*



Victor was born in France in 1887; both he and his brother entered the Marist Brothers. When religious were expelled from France at the beginning of the twentieth century, Victor moved to Italy for his novitiate. He made his vow of obedience, as was the custom at that time, and in 1906 along with five companions set out for America.

Each of the brothers carried but twenty francs; to enter the US, however, a traveler had to have 100 francs. The five brothers pooled their money and reused their total of 100 francs each time one of them came up for inspection.

After a quick stay at Saint Ann's Academy in New York City, Victor moved to Iberville, Canada where he spent a year. He was later treasurer and a teacher in Montreal; in 1923 he moved to Lowell, Massachusetts to teach. In 1929 he was named treasurer at Saint Ann's Academy and, then, Provincial Treasurer.

Meat was expensive during the First World War; Victor decided to buy sixteen steers and fattened them by having them graze on the brothers' property in Poughkeepsie. One day the steers got loose; two weeks passed before the brothers were able to track them all down.

Victor was in a serious car accident along with Brother Giles Lemieux and subsequently died from his injuries. He was known affectionately to his brothers as "King Tut" [Jubilee booklet and notes—edited]

*February 19, 1982 Bro. Marie Sylvain Matineau—Group of 1922, Age 84*



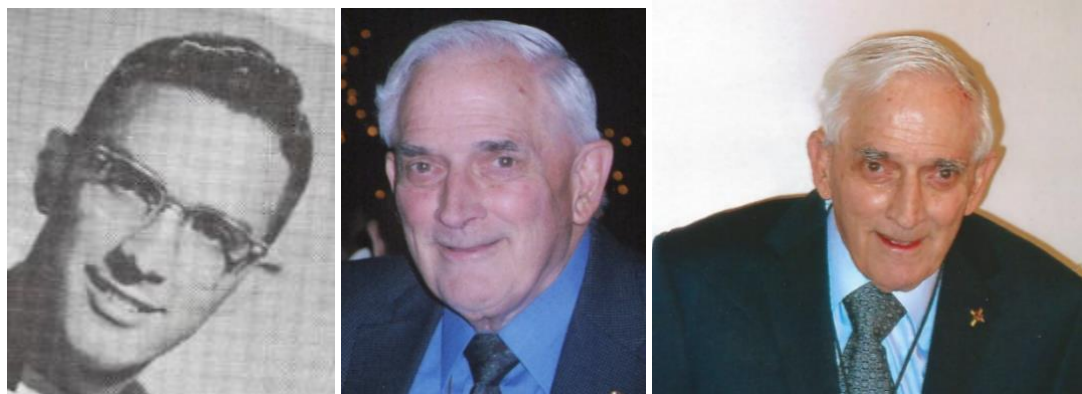
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*February 19, 2017 Bro. Charles Marcellin Kamarad—Group of 1954, Age 81*



Born in Bronx, New York, Charley entered the Esopus Juniorate in 1952. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marist College; in 1964 he was awarded a Master of Arts in History by Saint John's University in Queens, New York.

Charley began his ministry as a teacher at St. Helena's High School in the Bronx; he later moved on to Saint Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York and then to Christ the King High School in Middle Village, New York. During his many years of service, he held the positions of Assistant Principal and Principal at both Saint Helena's and Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey.

In 1983, he began work as Treasurer at Archbishop Molloy High school and continued in that capacity for the next twenty-nine years. During the final years of his life he developed colon cancer but faced this illness without complaint; as he often said, "You get use to it!"

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*February 20, 1911 Bro. Mary Thaddeus Cunningham—Group of 1896, Age 45*



Born in 1886 in County Clare, Ireland, Mary Thaddeus was invested in our Marist habit in Canada and assigned to Saint Ann's Academy in New York City. He later served at Mount Saint Michael in Montreal.

Thaddeus died in Ennis, Ireland. Province records are not clear as to whether he was on a family visit at the time or had already returned to his family for his final care, a not uncommon practice in those years. During the last year of his life he was listed as "on reserve" at the Provincial house in Canada [Br. Leonard Voegtler notes—edited]

*February 20, 1937 Bro. Francis Louis Belanger—Group of 1909, Age 44*



Born in Quebec, Canada, Francis entered our Marist juniorate when he was fifteen years old. Heribert, his Master of Novices, would eventually become his Provincial, following the division of the provinces in 1911. That year he was sent to the newly opened scholasticate in Poughkeepsie.

Francis also taught at Haverhill, Massachusetts, at Saint Jean Baptiste School, Saint Agnes High School and Saint Peter's School, all in New York State, and in Lowell, Massachusetts and Manchester, New Hampshire.

In 1928 Francis suddenly began to lose a great deal of weight; tests confirmed a serious case of diabetes. He was placed on insulin three times each day and ordered to follow a strict diet. He lived for another nine years during which time he served as librarian at the scholasticate. In February of 1937 he fell ill and entered Saint Francis Hospital where he died shortly thereafter from "the final stage of diabetes." [Br. Leonard Voegtler notes—edited]

*February 20, 1954 Bro. Joseph Orens Cloutier—Group of 1917, Age 52*



The youngest of nine children, Joseph was born in 1902 in the village of Saint Victor, in Quebec, Canada. His brother also became a Marist Brother (Br. Arthur). His sister, who became a Dominican sister, worked in the Far East for 15 years; two of those years were spent in a Japanese concentration camp.

The family moved to Auburn, Maine in 1912 and three years later, Joseph entered our Marist Juniorate in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He taught in Manchester, New Hampshire, Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Haverstraw, New York. The greater part of his time, however, was spent doing manual work in Poughkeepsie and Tyngsboro. He died at Saint Francis Hospital following a long and painful struggle with cancer and was the first to be buried in the new cemetery in Esopus. [Obituary—edited]

*February 21, 1981 Bro. Giles Marcellin Lemieux—Group of 1932, Age 66*



Born in Quebec, Canada, Giles was raised in Amesbury, Massachusetts. In 1928, at the age thirteen, he entered our Marist juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

Following a year at the scholasticate, Giles was assigned to teach at Saint Joseph's High School in Lowell, Massachusetts. In 1937 he moved to École Hevey in Manchester, New Hampshire. He also taught in Tyngsboro and Lawrence, Massachusetts, Wheeling, West Virginia, and New York City.

Giles was Director at Saint Joseph's in Lowell. While there he was seriously injured in an auto accident and dealt with significant pain for the remainder of his life. He went on to serve as Director of the house and of the retirement community in Tyngsboro; he continued in that capacity when that community relocated to Cold Spring, New York. Giles eventually opened a new community in Miami but suffered a heart attack at age 66 and died.

*February 22, 1949 Bro. Francis Regis Jacquet—Group of 1904, Age 61*



Francis served in several capacities in the Province of the US, including Director of the communities in Lowell, Massachusetts and Manchester, New Hampshire. He was also Master of Juniors, vocation promoter, and Director General of the formation center in Poughkeepsie, New York. Francis died after spending forty-five years of his life as a Marist.

*February 22, 1963 Bro. Apolone Bernaud—Group of 1901, Age 78*



Born in 1885 to a farming family, Apolone was baptized with his father's name, Pierre. At age fifteen he entered the process of formation at l'Hermitage and ten years later was assigned to Iberville, Canada. In 1920 he was transferred to teach at our Marist school in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Following his Second Novitiate in 1924 at the age of thirty-nine, Apolone returned from France to Lowell and taught there for another fourteen years. At age fifty-three in 1938, he returned to France where he died twenty-five years later at the age of seventy-eight. [Province data card—edited]

*February 22, 1979 Bro. Linus Joseph Doherty—Group of 1914, Age 80*



Known as “Tim” to his Marist Brothers and so many others, Linus was born on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1899 into an Irish Catholic family in

Dorchester, Massachusetts. When he was age twelve, his family sent him to what they thought was a boarding school but was actually the Marist Brothers’ juniorate.

Tim’s teaching career took him first to Montreal, Canada and then later to Saint Jean Baptiste School, Saint Ann’s Academy, and Saint Agnes Boys’ High School in New York City, and to our Marist school in Savannah, Georgia.

In 1936 he was assigned to Central Catholic High School in Lawrence Massachusetts where he spent the next twenty-two years. While there he began to coach several sports teams building them into powerhouses. Legend has it that when his hockey team was once short of a player, he convinced a short and slightly built French-Canadian Marist Brother who was thirty-three years of age to fill in. At the same time he told his players to call this new addition to the team “Mickey” rather than Brother Michael. When a reporter watching the game shouted this question, “What’s his name?” Tim shouted back, ‘Finn, Mickey Finn!’ [Eulogy & Province notes—edited]

*February 23, 1957 Bro. Placid Robert Brassard—Group of 1931, Age 46*



Born on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1911 in Methuen, Massachusetts, Placid entered formation in 1931. Following his novitiate, he was assigned to Poughkeepsie, New York. He finished his scholasticate in 1936 and went on to teach in Lowell and Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, Manchester, New Hampshire, and at Saint Ann's Academy and Mount Saint Michael Academy in New York.

In 1945 Placid became Prefect for the novices; four years later he was appointed master tailor in Esopus. He was also a talented musician; he played the piano and organ and conducted music practice with the juniors. In his mid-forties his kidneys began to fail. Since he was close to death, the Brothers dug his grave.

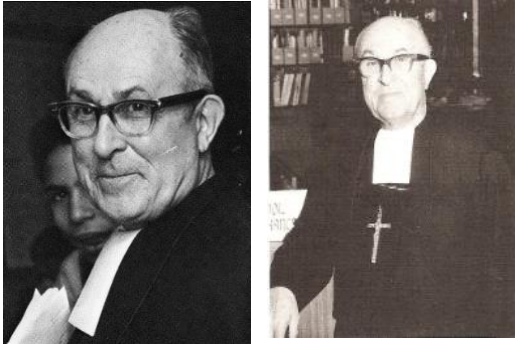
However, the patient in Albany who was using the only kidney dialysis machine existing in New York State at the time died suddenly. Placid was rushed north to the state capital and his grave was filled in. A short while later he died. Placid has the dubious honor of being the only Brother to have his grave dug twice and who prepared the singing for his own funeral. [Provincial eulogy—edited and personal story]

*February 25, 1957 Bro. Joseph Gerard Meister—Group of 1912, Age 62*



Joseph Gerard was one of the few American brothers who studied at the International juniorate. He was known to be a kind person who during the 1950s served as sub-Master to Brother Pius in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. When Pius was away he would let the postulants and novices go for a swim after confession. On a number of occasions, after the morning conference, he was known to ask his young charges, “What should we do?” to which they answered, “We want recess!” Their request would quickly be granted.

*February 25, 1994 Bro. Charles Raymond Hamel—Group of 1927, Age 87*



Born Wallace Hamel in 1906 in Lewiston, Maine, “the Frère”, as he was affectionately known to his Brothers and students, earned both his BA and MA from Fordham University. ‘Frère Charles’ then went on to spend his life in furthering knowledge of the French language and the ideals and goals of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

Throughout his life, he taught at many schools including École Hevey in Manchester, New Hampshire, St. Anne’s School and Central Catholic High School in Lawrence Massachusetts, Saint Agnes Boys High School, Bishop Dubois High School, Mount Saint Michael Academy and Archbishop Molloy High School in New York City, and Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. From 1946 until 1950 he served as a missionary in New Caledonia.

Charlie was truly an educator of the “old school.” He was adamant that his students should speak French as much as possible. Due to his skill and enthusiasm, he had many of them thinking, speaking and writing in the language in no time at all.

He also had great devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joan of Arc. He travelled to Lourdes in France many times, often taking groups of students with him. When his charges would return home, Charlie would remain a few extra days to visit sites that he was especially fond of. During one of these trips, he was asked to do the reading at Mass. His French was so perfect, that the parish priest refused to believe that he was an American. (Br. Michael Flanigan and the editor)

*February 25, 2018; Br. Vincent Benedict Moriarity-Group of 1956, Age 80*



Vincent was born in Westfield, Massachusetts and was the third of four boys. He was educated in public elementary schools and at Saint Mary's

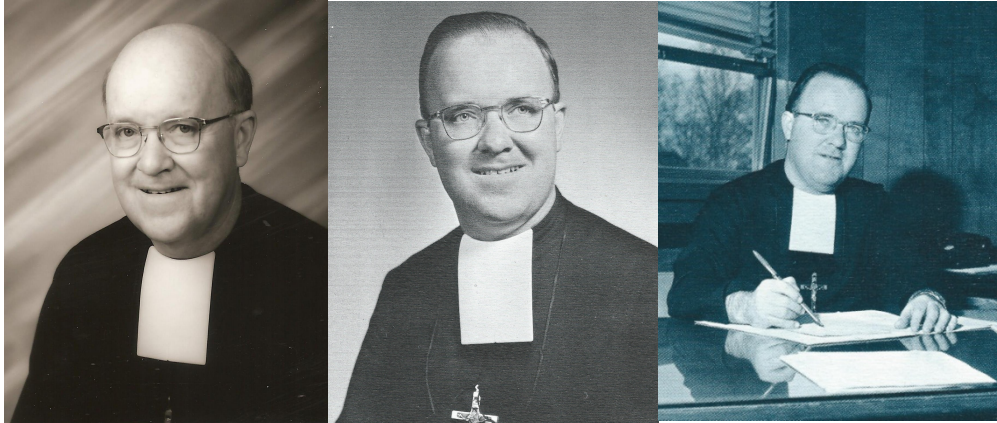
Catholic High School. In August of 1955, he entered the Marist Novitiate. He graduated from Marian College, today's Marist College, in 1960 and spent the next year serving as a cook for the student brothers in Poughkeepsie.

He began his ministry as a history teacher at Mount Saint Michael Academy in Bronx. Within a few years, he was asked to serve as Dean of Discipline. Subsequently, Vinny moved to Marist College where, for four years, he served as Director for college students who were waiting to enter the Marist Brothers novitiate. Vinny's next assignment took him to Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. There he taught history and economics. In 1979, he was assigned to St. Agnes High School in New York City where he worked as a teacher and later as Assistant Principal for academics.

While living in New York City, he also became an alternate delegate to the United Nations for the Movement for a Better World—Protection of Children. As interesting as he found this work, another adventure awaited Vinny in Kobe, Japan where he served as Principal. Following the earthquake in January 2005, Vinny returned to New York City where he underwent open heart surgery. After consulting with his doctors, he decided not to return to Japan and was assigned again to Our Lady of Lourdes High School. While there, he taught, served as Dean of Admissions and assisted in moving the school to a new location.

Subsequently, he moved to Monsignor Pace High School in Opa-Locka, Florida, and finally to Christopher Columbus in Miami, Vinny finally retired in 2015 to Christopher Columbus. He once described his life's journey as a "rather interesting 60-year adventure with the Lord".

*February 25, 2023 Brother Kevin Aloysius Moran, FMS — Group of 1953, Age 92*



Kevin was born Thomas P. Moran in Martins Ferry, Ohio on July 26, 1930. After attending St. Mary's School in Martins Ferry, he continued his high school education at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West

Virginia. While in high school, Kevin thought about becoming a Marist Brother, but the possibility of a career in law led him to attend Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

After graduating from Gonzaga, Kevin considered graduate work at the Georgetown School of Diplomatic Service, but the recurring thought of joining the Marist Brothers was enough to change the direction of his life. He entered the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts in 1952. Having already earned a college degree, Kevin then spent one year at Marist College before beginning his teaching career at Mt. St. Michael Academy in 1955.

Within ten years of beginning his teaching career, Kevin was named a principal. Throughout the years, his wisdom and experience gave many young brothers a sense of direction that helped them become not just teachers, but Marist educators.

Kevin was more than an administrator. He was first and foremost a brother. He interiorized the three Marist virtues of humility, simplicity, and modesty. Whatever his position, Kevin lived his life as a brother among brothers and a colleague among colleagues.

Kevin's Marist life was built on the solid foundation of faith and trust in Jesus, Mary, and Marcellin. In this part of his life he was just as much of a teacher, mentor, and role model as he was to aspiring new teachers.

(Brother Hank Hammer, FMS)

*February 26, 1992 Bro. Anthony Urban Horcher—Group of 1950, Age 59*



Born in Chicago in 1932, his parents moved to Texas. Anthony entered our Marist brotherhood in 1947 in Queretaro, Mexico. A member of the former Esopus Province, he taught at Saint Joseph's High School in Brownsville, Texas.

He also served at Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey, Archbishop Molloy High School, and Christ the King High School in Queens, and Saint Anthony's High School in Florida. His Brothers gave him the nickname "Mex."

Anthony was a fine artist who almost daily created cartoons that adorned the school's hallways. He would also create posters for brothers on their birthdays and never failed to capture the uniqueness of each of his subjects.

He loved model railroading, nature shows on TV and regularly fed the squirrels at the local park. A man of few words, he had a deep love of people. And no matter how late he stayed up finishing a cartoon, he was always sitting in the front pew at the 7:00 AM Mass at St. Vincent's Church. His death was sudden. [Br. Kenneth Curtin eulogy—edited]

*February 26, 1999 Bro. Alcide Ouellette—Group of 1942, Age 76*



Born on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1922 in Lawrence Massachusetts, Alcide entered the juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts in 1937. He was given the religious name of Rudolph Eugene and, consequently, was also called “Rudy” throughout much of his life.

Rudy enjoyed life with his family, celebrating birthdays with them as well as anniversaries and summers at the beach. He enjoyed life with his Brothers, enlivening every card game he played and being good natured about the jokes made about his legendary snoring.

He was always present at faculty get-togethers at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts where he spent many years; he also went often with his colleagues to Fenway Park for Red Sox games. “Rudy loved people and being with them, and underneath that love was his profound care for people and their well-being”.  
[Eulogy—edited]

*February 27, 1932 Bro. Paulin Alphonse Beland—Group of 1906, Age 42*

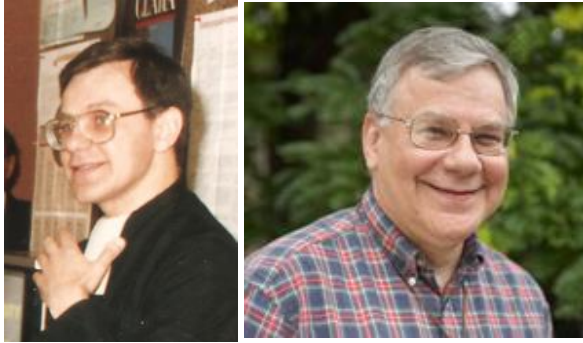


Born in Quebec, Paulin Alphonse made his novitiate in Canada. Following two years of teaching, he became a member of the USA Province and was assigned to the juniorate in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He did maintenance work at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx and at Saint Ann's camp on Lake Champlain. Paulin also had brief stays in ministries in New York City, Lawrence and Lowell, Massachusetts, and Manitoba and Montreal, Canada.

During the early and middle 1920s, he was assigned to Tyngsboro Massachusetts but listed as "on reserve". This designation may have been a sign of failing health. Paulin was part of the first community at Mount Saint Michael Academy where he did manual work from 1926 to 1930. He died in Manchester, New Hampshire possibly while visiting his mother or other relatives. Paulin was the first Canadian born member of the USA Province to die. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

*February 28, 2010 Bro. Vito Aresto—Group of 1966, Age 62*



Vito never lost sight of the wonderful irony that a young man who struggled in school turned around and founded an order of teaching brothers. That's why he created the Marcellin Program at Marist High School in Chicago. Vito and his colleagues saw and continue

to see the promise and the potential in students who experience academic difficulties.

He took to heart a statement from our 1993 Marist General Chapter which insisted that any school that did not provide for students with learning difficulties could not call itself a Marist school. Vito recognized and understood the need that Marist schools had to address the abilities of a variety of students, but he fervently and tenaciously believed that to be true to the charism and vision of Marcellin Champagnat we must provide for those competent and capable students who experience learning difficulties. Vito took to heart Jesus' comment, "Whatsoever you did for the least of these, you did for me." [Br. Hank Hammer—edited]