

***Brother Francis Farrell, FMS***  
***October 20, 1935 – June 23, 2025***

Brother Francis Farrell, FMS died on Monday, June 23, 2025, at St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx, New York. He was 89 years old and in his 72<sup>nd</sup> year of Marist religious life. Born on October 20, 1935, he was the son of the late Matthew and Helen Martin Farrell.

Brother Francis entered the Marist Brothers Juniorate at Poughkeepsie, NY in 1950 and then became a postulant at St. Joseph Novitiate in Tyngsboro, MA in 1952. He received the Marist habit in 1953 and pronounced his first vows in 1954. He went to the Marist Brothers Scholasticate at Marist College and completed his BA in Education and Guidance in 1957. His first ministry assignment was as a teacher at Marist High School in Bayonne, NJ (1958-68). He went on to serve in a number of schools and Marist communities in the Philippines as teacher, novice director and special programs director (1968-71, 1973-74). He attended the Marist Second Novitiate Renewal Program in Fribourg, Switzerland in 1972 after which he returned to Marist High School in Bayonne as assistant principal (1972-73). He was also principal at Father Duenas High School in Agana, Guam (1974-75).



He ministered in schools in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ as a teacher/administrator and also in a number of parishes as a pastoral associate. He served as a counselor at St. Joseph Academy, Brownsville, TX (1977-84, 1994-97) and was a part of a joint Marist project with the Marist Fathers at St. Francis/St. Blaise parish in Brooklyn, NY. After completing the Marist 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Renewal program at Manziana, Italy in 2000, he was a cook for the student retreats at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, NY. He continued his pastoral ministry in New Jersey and Florida, returning to our Marist residence in Bayonne where he continued to serve as a volunteer and as a pastoral associate at Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington, NJ.

Brother Frank always had a “missionary” spirit and concern for the least favored. In 2014 he volunteered to go to Guatemala with a group called *Houses to Homes, Inc.* While there, he assisted with the building of homes for the local poor population.

He became a member of the Marist community in Roselle, NJ and retired to the Champagnat Hall community in the Bronx, NY in 2016. In 2022, due to declining health, he moved to St. Patrick's Home where he was residing at the time of his death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Chapel at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx at 7:00 PM. Burial will take place at the Marist Brothers Cemetery in Esopus, NY on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.

*Oh, what consolation we have, when about to appear before God, to remember that we have lived in the favor of Mary, and in her own Society. – St. Marcellin Champagnat*