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March 3, 1960 Bro. Etienne Regis Foucon—Group of 1902, Age 75



Described as quiet, gentle, unpretentious and unassuming, Stephen was born in France and entered our Marist juniorate in Lavalla at age thirteen. Over time he taught himself Latin and became eventually a master Latin teacher.

In 1903, when many religious were expelled from France, Stephen set sail for Canada. During the later years of his life he often reminisced about his years teaching in Manitoba as well as the hunting and fishing that he and his other Marist brothers

did there.

He joined the Province of the US in 1915 at the age of thirty and took up the study of English. He was known for his meticulously prepared lessons. “In fact, during the evening before he died he had minutely prepared the next day’s lessons.”

[Provincial Biography—edited]

March 4, 1916 Bro. Joseph Floribert Robert—Group of 1902, Age 30



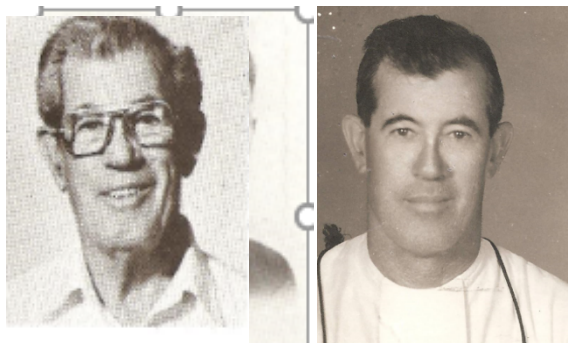
Born in France in 1886, Joseph was invested in our Marist habit at l'Hermitage. When religious were expelled from France at the beginning of the last century, he moved to Italy—near Turin—where he took his vow of obedience.

Joseph next traveled to Iberville, Canada where he completed his scholasticate. In 1905 he was assigned to the community at Saint Ann's Academy which at the time included brothers who were teaching in all those elementary schools in New York City where we had a presence.

He also taught at St. Agnes Boys High School in New York, our Marist school in Manchester, New Hampshire and, once again, at Saint Ann's Academy.

In February 1915, Joseph returned to France to enter the French army as was required by law. A year later he was wounded in the battle of the Somme; he died a month later and was buried with other soldiers somewhere in the area. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

March 4, 1986 Bro. Maurus James Doherty—Group of 1929, Age 73



Maurus James was born on October 10th, 1912 in Lawrence Massachusetts. He attended Saint Patrick's School in Lawrence and subsequently entered the Marist Brother's juniorate in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He attended Marist College and Fordham University and in 1932 took up his teaching career at our Marist School in Savannah, Georgia. Six years later he was transferred to Saint Ann's Academy in New York City where he remained

until 1948.

He was then selected to be part of the team that would found the first Marist High School in the Philippines, in Cotabato City. Six years later he opened a school in Kidapawan.

In 1955 Maurus James was named Provincial visitor for the Philippines and diocesan Supervisor of Schools. Eleven years later he was hospitalized, first in Manila and later in Boston, for a double fracture of his thigh bone. For the next 20 years he was involved in schools in both the US and the Philippines. He eventually returned to Cotabato City where he spent the last year of his life. [Mindanao Cross newspaper--edited]

March 4, 2024 Brother Dominic O'Brien — Group of 1952, Age 89

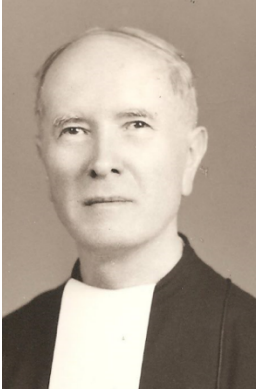


Raymond Francis O'Brien entered the Marist Brothers Juniorate in the fall of 1950 in Poughkeepsie, New York, and the following year became a postulant in the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. He received the Marist habit in 1952 and the following year professed his First Vows as a Marist Brother.

Subsequently, He taught in several Marist schools including Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, New York, Msgr. Pace in Opa-Locka, Florida, St. Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas and Roselle Catholic High School in New Jersey. His real interest, however, was in parish and diocesan Youth Ministry. From 1971 until shortly before retiring to Miami, Florida, he served in several parishes across the United States including ones in New Jersey, Connecticut, Kentucky, Oklahoma and his final assignment at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Orange Park, Florida.

Dominic passed away on March 4, 2024, and is buried at the Marist Brothers Cemetery in Esopus, New York.

March 5, 1953 Bro. Elie Justin Beauregard—Group of 1898, Age 74



Ellie and his friend and fellow brother, Bonaventure (d. 1/29/1948), were a team in their old age. In some ways their relationship was built on the need they had for one another: Bonaventure, even with a hearing aid, was functionally deaf; Justin was blind. Daily were they seen together walking arm in arm, most predictably during their daily walk to the cemetery in Poughkeepsie.

In retirement, Justin made the cords for our Marist habit; Bonaventure melted the wax from old vigil lights and formed the residue into new candles. He also repaired watches. [Br. Paul Ambrose]

March 6, 1973 Bro. James Carroll—Group of 1929, Age 60



A member of the Mexican Province, James worked in Texas for many years, teaching at Saint Joseph's Academy in Brownsville from 1932 until 1941 and later being appointed principal at Saint Joseph's in Laredo.

In 1954 he returned to Brownsville but four years later volunteered to go to our Marist mission in Nigeria, west Africa. He was instrumental in opening our Marist novitiate there and helping to set up our Marist school system.

When the Biafra rebellion occurred and many of our Marist schools were destroyed in the conflict, he joined his Marist brothers in caring for those wounded in that conflict and in helping the thousands of children displaced by the war. He was dearly loved by men who had lost their legs in battle and who were cared for and rehabilitated at the Marist project in Hopeville.

His work complete, James left Nigeria early in 1973; shortly thereafter while visiting friends in California he suffered a heart attack and died. [Marist Brother's Directory—edited]

March 7, 1958 Bro. Titien Marcon—Group of 1896, Age 78



Born Jean Augustin in France on November 21st, 1880, Brother Titien entered the postulancy in 1895. Following a four month novitiate, he pronounced his first vows.

His scholasticate was but eight months and his first assignment was as a cook. Following additional formation in France and Italy, he was sent to Montreal, Canada to teach in 1904 at the age of twenty-four. Five years later he moved to Lowell, Massachusetts where he remained teaching for another nineteen years. In

1928, at the age of forty-eight, he returned to France and continued to teach. [Data from the Canadian Marist Province Archives]

March 7, 1989 Bro. Owen Cuthbert Campbell—Group of 1925, Age 92



Owen was born on a farm in Whiteport, New York in Ulster County northwest of our property in Esopus. He taught for 40 years, starting with second graders and, in time, moving on to high school students. His longest assignment was the fifteen years he spent at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Owen earned a BS degree from Fordham University, an MLS in Library Science from Catholic University, and a doctorate in speech from the Staley School of the Spoken Word in Brookline, Massachusetts.

As a young man he underwent a serious operation and promised God to attend daily Mass should all go well. He always attributed his “calling” as a brother to this promise.

During his years of retirement, he was part of the community in Cold Spring-on-Hudson, New York. Unfortunately due to the many “fender benders” in which he was involved, he was eventually forbidden to drive. Despite that fact, each morning he would go out to the car, start its motor, sit in it for a while and then turn it off having moved not an inch. [1985 Jubilee Booklet & personal story—edited]

March 8, 1958 Bro. John Philibert Thomeyer—Group of 1903, Age 71



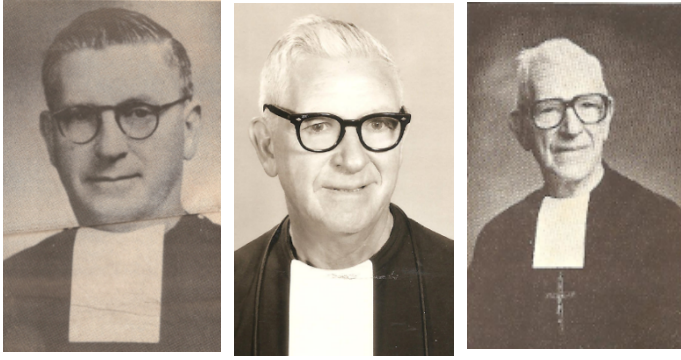
When religious men and women were expelled from France in 1903, John, then a young brother, left the country to travel to the United States. From 1938 until 1942, he served as Master of Juniors in Poughkeepsie; later he moved with the Juniorate to Tyngsboro, Massachusetts where he served as a teacher for three years.

Br. Alfred George, whom John taught for two years, remembers him as an excellent educator. When Brother Henry Charles broke his leg in 1946, John replaced him serving as acting Master of Postulants and Novices for a year. Subsequently, he retired to the Province House in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In 1948 he returned to France for a vacation but decided not to return to the US. During the later years of his life he suffered from severe depression.

[Brother Alfred George—edited]

March 8, 1985 Bro. Michael Ray Ruiz—Group of 1910, Age 92



Michael was born in the small city of Cotija, Michoacan, Mexico. His family name was Miguel Ruiz, and his religious name was Br. Doroteo Jose. He was assigned to Cuba from 1911 to 1921 and then transferred to the Marist School in Tucson, Arizona.

In 1924 Michael returned to Mexico. After participating in the Second Novitiate program in Grugliasco, Italy, he was assigned to St. Joseph Academy in Laredo, Texas where he remained until its closing in 1973. He continued to live in Laredo until his death.

During his ministry at St. Joseph's Academy, he was active with the Boy Scouts and was the keeper of "El Ranchito", a parcel of land near Laredo on Lake Casa Blanca, where Brothers, friends and scouts could picnic and go boating.

Michael's philosophy was to try to make everyone happy. He was loved by many and died at the age of ninety-two having spent seventy-five of those years as a religious.

[1985 Jubilee Booklet & Br. Joseph Matthews – edited]

March 9, 1916 Bro. Ignatius Aoustdat—Group of 1905, Age 27



Born in France in 1889, Ignatius entered our Marist Brothers juniorate at LaValla at age twelve years. Due to the expulsion of religious from France in 1903, he moved on to the “Diaspora Novitiate” located at that time in Italy.

Ignatius came to the US in 1907 and for a year was put in charge of maintenance in Lowell, Massachusetts. He later taught at Marist schools in Lowell and Manchester, New Hampshire.

In October 1914, he returned to France and joined the army as required by law of French citizens. He was killed in the battle of Verdun in 1916 and is buried in

France. [Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

March 10, 1950 Bro. Paul Gaspard Pariset—Group of 1897, Age 77

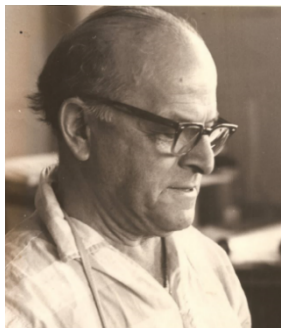


Born in France on September 10th, 1872, Paul entered the Novitiate in 1897 at the age of twenty-five; eight months later he pronounced his first vows.

In 1902 he traveled to Quebec, Canada and began teaching. Two years later he was assigned to work in the garden. In 1914, following his Second Novitiate in Grugliasco, Italy, he was sent to the novitiate in Poughkeepsie and for the next eight years tended to the garden there.

Paul returned to France in 1922 and lived there for the next thirty-eight years until the time of his death at the Hermitage. [Data from the Canadian Marist Province Archives]

March 10, 1983 Bro. Tarcisus Vallieres—Group of 1925, Age 81



Tarcy, as his brothers affectionately called him, was born on July 30th, 1902 in Manchester, New Hampshire. He had seventeen brothers and sisters.

Prior to entering our Marist brotherhood, Tarcy worked in a leather factory in Haverhill. When he went to collect his last paycheck all of his fourteen fellow coworkers gathered around him and gave him one dollar each as a gift.

Tarcy entered formation in March and was received as a novice four and a half months later. Most of his life as a brother was spent in Poughkeepsie, New York where he did manual labor, serving as a cook, a tailor and a farmer.

In 1937 he was asked by the Province to set up a printing shop; he did so and for the next forty-one years he ran Marist Press located on the campus of today's Marist College. Tarcy's shop was located first in St. Peter's; in 1949 he moved it to today's Marian Hall which at the time was the gym building. A self-taught printer his shop served the Province and College as well as local parishes and Saint Francis Hospital. In 1977, at the age of 75, Tarcy retired to the community located at Our Lady of Lourdes High School. He was known and loved for his dedicated service and abiding cheerfulness. [Eulogy—edited]

March 10, 1997 Bro. Philip Bernard Gilbert—Group of 1931, Age 82



Long after he had retired from the classroom and over a period of many years, Phil willingly transported athletes and other students to practices and competitions as well as other event. Most summers found him at Camp Marist where he was known for the excellence of his boat tours of Lake Ossipee.

Phil also took care of his sickly father for an extended period of time. As he did so, he supported himself emotionally and spiritually by regularly attending a prayer group. This experience as well as that of caring for his father changed him in profound ways. A man who in his earlier years was known to be impatient and quick to react was transformed into an individual known for his calm demeanor and sense of inner peace. [1991 Jubilee Booklet--edited]

March 10, 2015 Bro. Nicholas Caffrey—Group of 1957, Age 84



Nicholas was born and raised in New York City along with his beloved sister and two brothers. When he was twenty, he joined the Marines and served state side as part of the Communications Division. He worked for the National Cash Register Co. for a number of years before he entered the Novitiate.

After graduating from Marist College, he earned an MBA from Notre Dame Uni. In 1971. Nick's love of order served him well; he was an efficient and effective administrator ministering at St. Joseph HS in Connecticut, Good Shephard Nursing home and St. Francis Xavier School in Wheeling, WV and then at St. Michael's School in New Jersey. Woven into the order of his life, Nick became treasurer at Mt. St. Michael Academy and then Business Manager of Sienna House, a woman's shelter in the Bronx from 1997 to 2013.

Nick's love of prayer and the eucharist was always evident. He also always enjoyed a party, be it with the brothers in a community gathering or in one of New York's famous Irish Pubs following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Often Br. John (Francis) Colbert at the piano and Nick with his accordion would be the center of the Irish music at one watering hole or another following the Parade. Nick also enjoyed dancing his beloved 'Irish Jig'

While living at Champagnat Hall, Nick would always look out for the retired Brothers taking them on an outing to the store or a walk at Orchard Beach. He also love to visit the summer camps at Esopus. In his last years a post-Christmas trip to Miami gave him a chance 'to get warm' and Spring Break or Easter would find Nick in Texas where the brothers enjoyed his company and his Irish 'Gift of Gab'.

March 11, 1963 Bro. John Michael Lynch—Group of 1898, Age 7



Born in Canada on July 14th, 1883, John Michel entered our Marist juniorate in 1895 at the age of twelve. Six years later he began his teaching career.

His first three years in the classroom were spent in Canada. Subsequently he taught at Saint Ann's in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Saint Ann's Academy in New York City, and in Poughkeepsie, New York. In

total, he spent six years teaching in the US. During

the remaining forty-three years that he instructed students, he taught English to secondary and university students in Canada. He retired from the classroom in 1950 and died in Canada thirteen years later. [Data from the Canadian Marist Province Archives]

March 11, 2005 Bro. James Redunski—Group of 1966, Age 58



Jim was in the juniorate for one year prior to entering our Marist novitiate in Esopus, New York. He spent all of his life of ministry working in the State of New Jersey, first as a teacher at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, and later at Marist-Bayonne and Saint Aloysius. He also served as a youth minister at Saint Vincent de Paul.

From 1984 until 1996 Jim served as the Associate/Deputy Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. For eight years following he served as a high school Assistant Principal. In 2004 he returned to teaching in Hoboken, New Jersey where he died unexpectedly a year later. [Province fact sheet—edited]

March 14, 1981 Bro. James Bernard Elliot—Group of 1935, Age 64



Jimmy was a gentle man who was respected by all. On one occasion when his community wanted to elect him its director, he said, “Please don’t elect me, I have enough problems directing my own life.” He was, of course, elected due to his simple goodness and understanding ways.

In the classroom he was much the same. When a senior year student in a particularly troublesome class was asked how a recent class had gone, he reported that it had gone very well.

Students would not act up because “Brother James is too good.” On those few occasions when a student would get out of line, it was his classmates who corrected him. [Br. Michael Williams]

March 15, 1967 Bro. Andrew Bernard Lagueux—Group of 1920, Age 62



Andrew was known for his skill in caring for the younger children who boarded at Mount Saint Michael Academy. He also prepared most of them for their first communion. However, when the children recited their prayers, it was with a slight French accent very similar to their teacher.

March 16, 1918 Bro. Francis Isidore Hendrikx—Group of 1898, Age 62



Born in the Netherlands on October 15th, 1856, Francis Isidore spent most of his Marist life as a tailor. He entered the Novitiate in Canada at the age of forty-two and pronounced his first vows five years later.

Following six years as a tailor in Canada, he came to the Hermitage in Poughkeepsie where he took up the same work for an additional ten years. He died a few days after having undergone an operation for varicose veins and is buried in the brothers' cemetery on the property of what is now Marist College.

[Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

March 16, 1957 Bro. Regis Aime—Group of 1918, Age 54



Regis Aime was a Canadian who served as an Assistant General from 1948 to 1953. He was known to be exceptionally kind and appeared to always be smiling.

Regis came from a large family in which eight boys were Marist Brothers and two were priests. Two of his sisters were nuns while three were married. When Regis's mother died, his Marist brothers in Canada invited his father to live with them as one of the brothers. [Br. Paul Ambrose]

March 16, 1995 Bro. William Gleason - Group of 1930, Age 82



Bill met the Marist Brothers in the first grade at the newly opened Marist School for Boys in Savannah, Georgia. Upon graduating from the eighth grade he entered our Marist juniorate in Poughkeepsie. He went on to receive a BA from Fordham University and from 1941 until 1954 taught at Mount Saint Michael's Academy in the Bronx and at the Boys Catholic High School in Augusta, Georgia.

Bill also served as Principal at Resurrection-Ascension School in Rego Park; he spent his last twenty-five years as a teacher at Roselle Catholic High School in New Jersey. He loved the outdoors and devoted forty-five summers of his life to Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire. [Eulogy—edited]

March 17, 1966 Bro. John William Reul—Group of 1957, Age 28



Born in 1938 in College Point, Long Island, John entered our Marist juniorate in Esopus, New York in 1953 after one year as a student at Saint Agnes Boys High School in New York City.

Following his graduation from Marist College, John was assigned as a cook for one year at the Province house, located at the time in Esopus, New York. From 1962 until his death four years later at the age of twenty-eight, he taught at Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle, New Jersey. [Provincial fact sheet—edited]

March 17, 1983 Bro. Mary Andrew Gregoire—Group of 1908, Age 91



A Canadian by birth and quiet by nature, Mary Andrew was the blood brother of Brother Henry Charles.

For many years he served as Province Treasurer and acted as an unofficial financial consultant to Brothers Nilus and Paul Ambrose and later Richard Foy as they began the construction projects at Marist College.

During his years as Treasurer, Mary Andrew lived at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx where he was also known for his love of gardening. He is responsible for many of the trees and

other plantings in the Garth and at other locations around the school property.

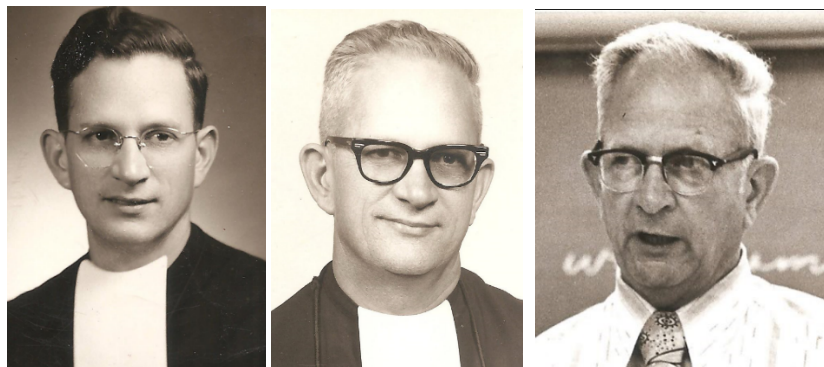
March 18, 1954 Bro. Edward Wilfrid Kimball - Group of 1911, Age 78



Edward Wilfrid's serious demeanor could, at times, engender fear in those who didn't know the man. In reality he was a holy man and called "Christian Perfection" by many.

He also had his share of burdens, suffering often enough from scruples. As a teacher he was meticulous but also nervous. He was ever concerned about the formation of young brothers. [Br. Paul Ambrose]

March 18, 1982 Bro. William Vessels—Group of 1934, Age 65



A native of Enid, Oklahoma, Bill's family moved to Brownsville, Texas during the Depression years. He met the Marist Brothers at St Joseph's Academy in Brownsville and entered the congregation in 1931. He was sent to Spain for his formation but had to return home when the Spanish Civil War broke out. He went on to complete a BS at New York's

Fordham University and an MA at Saint Mary's University in San Antonio Texas.

Bill taught at St. Joseph's from 1940 until 1950 when he was appointed community Director and Principal, positions he continued in for nine years. He was also instrumental in the opening of the new Marist school in Laredo.

In 1971 Bill earned another MA, this time in counseling. He then turned his attention to counseling and campus ministry on the college and university level. He served as a Provincial Councilor for the Province of Esopus from 1974 until 1980. Bill "lived his life as a very kind and happy person." [Eulogy—edited]

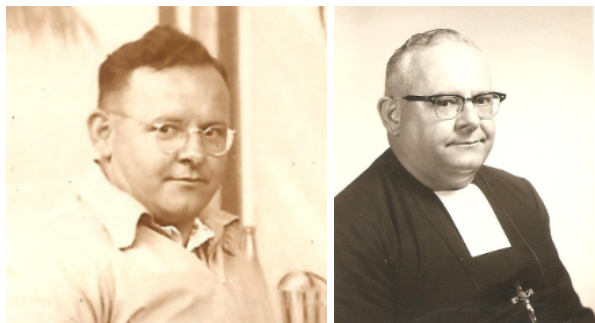
March 18, 2006 Bro. Joseph DiBenedetto—Group of 1959, Age 65



Faith in God, trust in Mary, love of family, joy in being a Marist: these elements were the anchors in Joe DiBenedetto's life. Known to his family as "Butch," Joe's life took him from Lawrence, Massachusetts to Esopus and Poughkeepsie, New York City, Pine Ridge, South Dakota and back to Esopus where he continued to minister until he completed his life's journey on the eve of the feast of Saint Joseph.

Blessed with a generous spirit, a talent for carpentry (not unlike his name sake in the Holy Family), an ability to bring people together, a rich theology of lived experience, a joy in working with students, a compassion for the least favored and a self-deprecating manner, 'Joe Di' was a "brother" to everyone he met. He could be impatient, occasionally display anger, or disappointment and suffer seeing another in pain. Joe loved people and had a fondness for animals. He relished snow-blowing, planting, harvesting, visiting with his wonderful family, playing sports and being with the "monks." I don't believe he ever consciously offended by word or deed. Those who knew him loved him and miss him still. [Br. Kenneth Hogan]

March 19, 1979 Bro. Simeon Ernest Brien—Group of 1937, Age 60



Born into a New England Franco-American family in 1919, Simeon entered our Marist brotherhood in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and became a novice in 1937. I knew him, though, many years later, at a time when his teaching career at Mount Saint Michael Academy and Central Catholic High School were history.

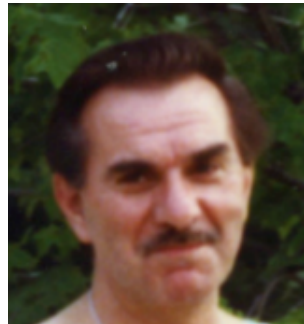
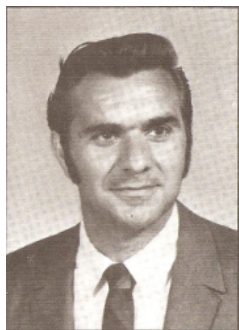
The man I came to know during the 1970s was known affectionately as "Chubby" and he had connections all over Lawrence starting with his brothers, the "Briens".

One of his brothers owned a gas station in South Lawrence; the school's buses were serviced there and the community cars got their gas nowhere else.

Simeon also played an important role during a critical time in the history of Central Catholic. When the Council made the decision that every Province school had to be financially independent, Central was in dire straits. Simeon would hurry to the bank on Friday morning to deposit the money earned at bingo the night before simply to be able to make payroll for the laypeople on the staff. His dedication was without question but his tactics were at time unorthodox.

He played a crucial role, however, in supporting the older brothers of the community as they tried to cope with the changes brought about by Vatican II; at the same time he was a fine mentor to younger brothers during turbulent times. [Br. Donald Bisson—edited]

March 19, 1994 Bro. Anthony Ciccolella - Group of 1964, Age 49



Brooklyn born and a Marist Brother for thirty years, Anthony was a master teacher in keeping with Marcellin Champagnat's understanding of the word: "to teach children you must love them first – and love them all equally." "Chico" loved kids and was available to help them any hour of the day or night. He taught Religion, Biology, English, American and World History, and Video Communications.

He also taught Drivers Education—first in Laredo, Texas, and then for seventeen years in San Antonio and, finally, for eleven years at Good Counsel High School in Newark, New Jersey.

Anthony was a creative and entertaining teacher with a great sense of humor, but he especially touched the hearts and lives of students outside of the classroom. Each summer he worked at Camp Marist.

He had the habit of losing his keys and his glasses, and forgetting where he had put his books. He was also known to forget what time it was.

His simple, enthusiastic, and human ways made him a Pied Piper wherever he went. With his life rooted in a strong and uncomplicated faith, he never gave up on any student. Chico laughed, joked, "insulted" and loved kids day after day—especially those most neglected, and how they loved him back! [Br. John McDonnell—edited]

March 20, 1956 Bro. Victor Aime Rainville - Group of 1914, Age 57



Born on September 1st, 1899 in Lowell, Massachusetts, Victor met the Marist brothers while a student at Saint Joseph's School in Lowell.

As a brother he taught at schools in New York City, Wheeling, West Virginia, Savannah, Georgia, and Lawrence, Massachusetts as well as in the novitiate and scholasticate.

Victor earned a PhD from Fordham University in 1932. He also loved gardening and his flowers were greatly admired by the brothers. He died unexpectedly at the age of fifty-seven due to a heart attack. [Province Eulogy—edited]

March 22, 1949 Bro. Louis Patrice Veilleux—Group of 1897, Age 68



Born in Canada on October 11th, 1881, Louis entered our Marist juniorate in 1895 at the age of fourteen. From 1897 until 1928 he served as a teacher in both Canada and the US, spending a total of nine and a half years in the States.

In 1932 he was appointed Visitor of the Province of Canada and remained in that position for five years. Subsequently, he was a student for six years at the University of London in London, England.

In 1938 he was asked to found our Marist mission in what is present day Zimbabwe and was appointed Director there. He remained in that post for the next eleven years. Louis is buried in Africa. [Data from the Canadian Marist Province Archives]

March 24, 1978 Bro. Remi Riffard Eudoxe—Group of 1903, Age 91



Br. Joseph Eudoxe was born in 1887 into a farming family in France. He entered our Marist novitiate at l'Hermitage and in 1915 was teaching in Manchester, New Hampshire. He also taught at Haverhill in 1921 and Lowell in 1928. In 1931 he transferred to the l'Hermitage Province where he died 47 years later at the age of 91. [Province Info card—edited]

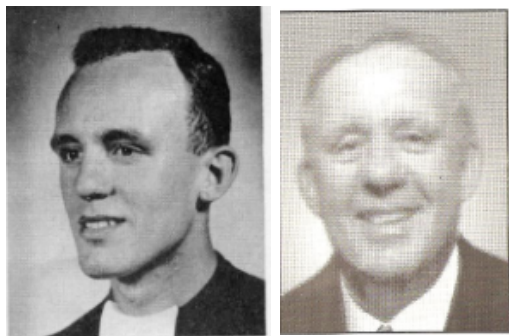
March 26, 2007 Bro. Bernard Ruth—Group of 1957, age 68



Born on May 9th, 1939 in Germany, Bernie spent fifty years of his life as a Marist Brother. He first entered the juniorate in Germany but later moved to the international juniorate in Italy. Fluent in German, English, French and Italian, he earned his BA in Chemistry at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York and later taught at Archbishop Molloy High School and Christ the King High School in New York before being assigned to Monsignor Pace High School in Opa Locka, Florida. While there he held several posts: teacher, community Director, Athletic Director and Coach.

Later at Christopher Columbus High School he was a teacher, community Director and school treasurer until cardiac illness forced him to retire in 2005 at age sixty-six. Bernie was a gift from Germany who loved country music, Oktoberfest, and scrabble. [Eulogy and obituary – edited]

March 29, 2005 Bro. John Cherry—Group of 1959, Age 65



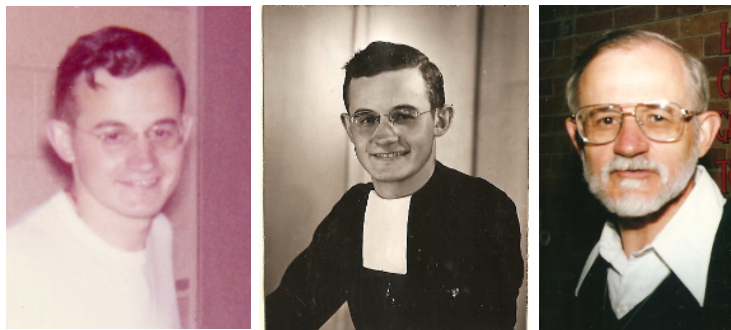
Larger than life...a gentle giant...a cockeyed optimist, John Cherry marched to the beat of a different drummer. Surprised smiles filled any room when he entered, shouting your name and enveloping you in a hearty and heartfelt bear hug.

Tickling the ivories *con mucho gusto*, John's fine Irish tenor voice was known often to belt out his beloved "the Impossible Dream."

He served as a teacher and counselor at Monsignor Pace High School in Opa Locka, Florida and at Christ the King High School in Middle Village, New York. He also served as Vocation Director for the Esopus Province and as Director of Lay Volunteers, living in Patton, Pennsylvania with those who joined that program.

His daily faithfulness to Mass, rosary and visits to the Blessed Sacrament translated into a happy, generous, Gospel-simple man for others—quick to affirm...loving a good laugh...no airs...no pretense. Even during his full year in a New York hospital when he was suffering acute back pain, John remained upbeat and optimistic. [Br. John McDonnell—edited]

March 31, 2001 Bro. Leonard Alphonse Voegtle—Group of 1950, Age 67



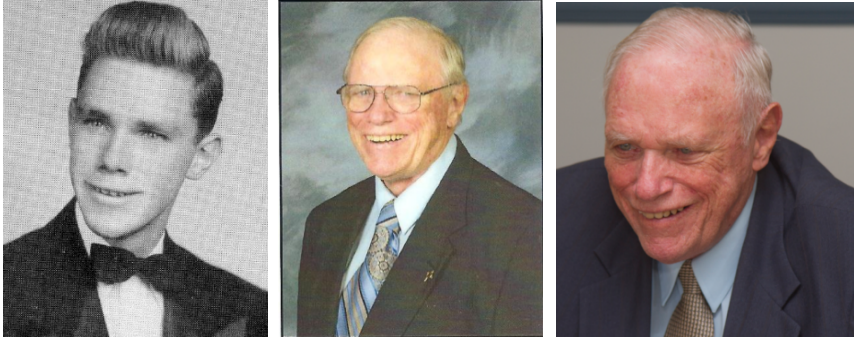
Leonard was an only child who made his parents quite proud of his achievements. Elected to leadership roles in the Institute while still quite young, he served as Provincial of the Esopus Province and later as Postulator General in Rome.

On his return to the US, he spent the next thirteen years working in three different

diocesan tribunals. He had a tremendous command of facts, statistic, and stories and had a knack of making any presentation that he gave interesting.

Leonard was a gifted writer, translator, and speaker and also a man of prayer who helped organize Province retreats and prayer weekends. He was also instrumental in setting up and organizing the Province archive holdings and office. [Br. Philip Robert]

March 31, 2015 Br. Thomas Coyne—Group of 1956, Age 76



Born in Brooklyn on July 11th, 1938, Tom attended St. Agnes High Boys High School in Manhattan before entering our Marist brotherhood.

In 1972, he was assigned to Laredo, Texas and spent more than forty years there. Tom was known as a loving, generous and kind person who enjoyed working with the most challenged and neediest kids in math class. He was also quite faithful to visiting people in the hospital.

Every Friday, for a two-year period, he drove 300 miles back and forth to a nursing home in San Antonio to visit a street person whom he had come to know and befriend and took him out to lunch. For thirty-three years he also volunteered to cook in the summer camps in Esopus, New York. Tom was well known for the excellence of his cookies and other pastries.