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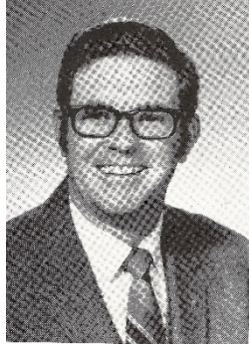
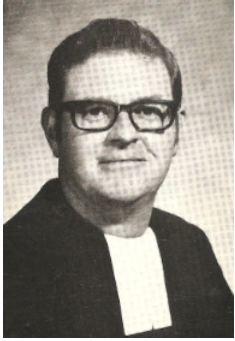
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January 2, 1976 Bro. John Shanahan—Group of 1956, Age 38



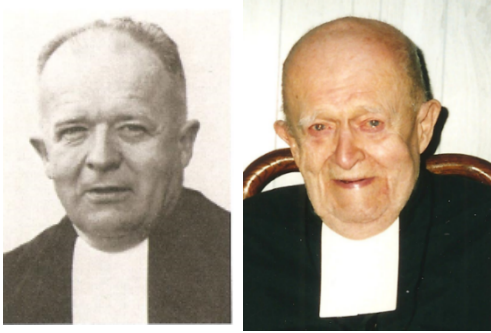
Born in the Bronx, John graduated from Mount Saint Michael Academy and immediately entered the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. He was invested in the Marist habit a year later and given the name Brother George Thomas.

He went on to Marist College where he earned his BA; he later completed an MA at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

John started his teaching career at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts; in 1960 he moved to Saint Joseph's High School in Trumbull, Connecticut and continued teaching there until 1964 when he was assigned to Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois as Assistant Principal.

A year later, John was named Principal; shortly, thereafter, he was diagnosed with breast cancer and was hospitalized for a time. Subsequently, he moved back to Lawrence, Massachusetts where he once again took up teaching. As his disease progressed, he was transferred to the infirmary located at the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts; he died at Bon Secours hospital in Lawrence. [Provincial eulogy—edited]

January 3, 2007 Bro. Conan Vincent Dinnean—Group of 1938, Age 91



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Conan who hailed from New Haven, Connecticut earned his BA and MA in education from Fordham University. He taught and served as principal at several Schools in the Archdiocese of New York. He was a founding member of Saint Helena's High School (now Msgr. Scanlan High School) in the Bronx, teaching science and religion serving as Principal. From 1957 through 1962 was also principal at Holy Trinity Elementary School in Poughkeepsie, New York.

From the late 1950s through the mid-1960s he taught during the summers at the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts where both the novices and postulants looked forward to his entertaining classes filled with stories delivered in a witty and plain spoken manner. For several years near the end of his life he volunteered at Lazarus House, a homeless shelter in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He eventually retired to Florida where he died.

January 4, 1964 Bro. Leon Bernadine Cverco — Group of 1897, Age 84



Leon was born in France on May 7, 1880. His Father's name was Marcellin and his Mother was Marie. He left France and came to Canada in 1899 at the age of 19. He then left Canada and came to Manchester NH in 1902 where he taught in Ecole Hevey. Between

1902 & 1919 he ministered in New York City and Poughkeepsie. He served as a teacher and as a Director in Lowell and Manchester. He returned to France in 1920 and died at the Hermitage.

January 5, 1953 Bro. Geranus Gerard Michelaud—Group of 1926, Age 44

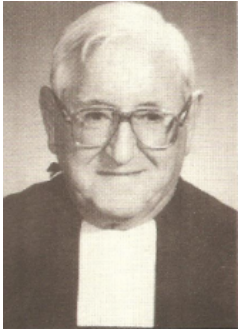


A native of Vex, Canton of Wallis in Switzerland and a brother for twenty-seven years, Gerard earned degrees at Fordham and New York University.

He went on to teach at École Hevey in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, and Saint Agnes Boys High School and Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan.

In 1950 he joined the faculty of Bishop Dubois High School in New York City; three years later he died at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx after a long and painful battle with cancer. He is buried in the cemetery located today on the grounds of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

January 7, 2005 Bro. Patrick Eugene Magee—Group of 1941, Age 80



Born on December 26, 1924, Pat entered the Marist Juniorate in 1939. He earned MAs in English and Education and was considered an exceptional teacher and administrator.

Pat spent twenty-one of his fifty-five years of service at Mount Saint Michael Academy in Bronx, New York. He also spent significant periods serving at Marist Chicago and Marist Eugene, Oregon and as a member of the Province administration, as Vice Provincial and Director of Education. In the latter role, he insisted that all young brothers be given the opportunity to complete a Masters' degree within five years of commencing teaching. Doing so made them eligible for permanent teacher certification.

While at the Mount, during the early 1950s, Pat taught English, Science, and History; later he was appointed Dean of Studies and eventually Principal and community Director. In 1988 he established a Development Office for the school.

Under his leadership, the Mount received Middle States Accreditation, a significant achievement in that up until that time only a few well-established and prestigious secondary institutions had gained this recognition. Later in his life he played a key role in helping the Mount be recognized as a National School of Excellence by the US Department of Education.

Wherever he served, Pat was known for his strong leadership, genuine human concern for faculty, students, and parents, encouraging spirit towards all, and inability to talk negatively about anyone. Often when asked about an event that had not gone well the night before, he would always start by saying 'it was good' and work his way up from there.

Pat served as a guidance counselor while in Chicago and was also moderator of the Fathers' Club, a precursor to the school's present day development efforts. He will forever be remembered for his loyal devotion to and enthusiastic support for Notre Dame's football team. [Eulogies by Bros. Richard Carey and James Kearney—edited]

January 8, 1958 Bro. Joseph Edward Gagnon—Group of 1908, Age 65



Though born in Port Daniel, Canada, Joseph numbered among the first group of boys who in 1908 entered our Marist Brotherhood in the US in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He went on to teach at Marist School for Boys in Savannah, Georgia; for the last eighteen years of his life he served as an Infirmarian for the boarders at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. Near the end of his life, he was diagnosed with cancer; his health deteriorated quickly and he died during his fiftieth year as a brother. Joseph's brother, who preceded him in death, was a Trappist monk in Canada; he was survived by his sister who lived in Port Daniel. [Province biography—edited]

January 8, 1970 Bro. Joseph Hayashi—Group of 1960, Age 37



Joseph Makoto Hayashi was born into a devout Catholic family on March 19th, 1933 at Kofu-shi, Yamanashi-ken, Japan. Following his graduation from Sophia University in Tokyo, he began teaching at the Marist Brothers International School in Kobe where he decided to enter the brotherhood.

Joseph began his formation in 1959 at Saint Joseph's Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. Following a short period at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, he was assigned to the Marist Brothers' school in Kumamoto, Japan where he taught English. Joseph made his perpetual profession of vows at Kobe on August 15th, 1966. Four years later he died in Kumamoto at the age of 37 due to complications from asthma. A portion of his ashes are preserved in the brothers' chapel in Kumamoto. [Br. Christopher Shannon]

January 8, 1986 Bro. Wilfrid Mary Doiron—Group of 1908, Age 94

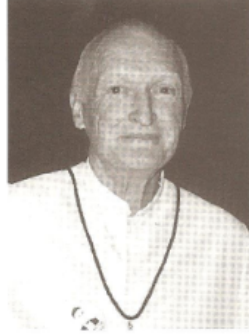


Born in Quebec, Canada in 1892, Wilfred began his schooling at Saint Ann's School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He completed his formation as a brother in 1911 and began teaching at Saint Boniface College in Manitoba, Canada. He later served as a teacher at Saint Ignatius School, Saint Peter's in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Saint Ann's Academy in New York City.

In 1952, Wilfred was appointed Principal of Saint Ann's Academy and continued in that capacity as the school moved its location to Briarwood, New York and changed its name to Archbishop Molloy High School.

He received his doctorate in French from Fordham University in 1930, thus becoming the first Marist Brother in the United States to receive a Ph.D. Wilfred was an accomplished musician and played a number of instruments but was best known for his skill at the piano. He was also an exceptional tailor.

January 8, 1996 Bro. Peter Leonard Thommen—Group of 1932, Age 78



A man who always seemed to be on the move, Peter spent most of his life as a missionary. He often said that his motto was “Do the good that you can and then get out.”

He numbered among the original four brothers who established our Marist presence in the Philippines. Later he served in China, Australia, parts of Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Vietnam.

Peter had strong opinions and never hesitated to share them. He led a very active life and adopted a ‘no fuss’ style of living. In retirement during his later years, he made himself available to drive brothers to doctor’s appointments or pick up people at the airport.

January 8, 1999 Bro. Athanasius Norbert Cote—Group of 1930, Age 69



The youngest of nine children, 'Norby' entered the Marist juniorate in Tyngsboro during the mid—1920s.

Following formation, he served as a teacher, a superior, and an administrator. A legendary geometry instructor, he once received an award as the best geometry teacher in New York. He was famous for saying, "A director sees everything and overlooks a lot". Under an older system of religious life, he instinctively knew when to throw a party for the brothers; his common sense, gentle manner, and kindness and understanding helped make any community a happy home in which to live and to which to return.

He served in many schools throughout the US and abroad including assignments in New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, Florida, Guam and Liberia in West Africa.

From 1959 through 1968, Norby was also Vice Provincial. His eulogist had this to say about the man: "It was always fun to be with Norby, for he was invariably in a happy mood, rarely raised his voice, but often roared with laughter in a circle of brothers who were doing the same." His uncle, Aloysius Mary Cote, was also a brother; he died in 1961.

January 8, 2019 Bro. Francis Klug – Group of 1955, Age 92



Frank Klug was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on February 1st, 1927. Seventeen years

later, he entered our Marist Brothers' Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts as a postulant. At the onset of his novitiate year, he was given the religious name Br. Michael Urban and went on to profess his first vows in July 1946. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Marian College in Poughkeepsie, New York for his scholasticate.

Frank's first assignment was to Saint Ann's Academy in New York City. He later went on to teach religion, Spanish, science and mathematics in many of our Marist high schools including Saint Helena's in Bronx, New York, Saint Mary's in Manhasset, New York, Saint Joseph's in Laredo, Texas, Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, and Aquinas in Augusta, Georgia. He made his Second Novitiate in Fribourg, Switzerland during the 1964-1965 academic year and professed the vow of Stability a year later; in 1994 he completed the Third Age program in Manziana.

In 1967, Frank took on the responsibilities of school treasurer of Marist High School in Bayonne and labored for the next fifteen years to ensure the school's solvency. Many appreciated the "blood, sweat, and tears" that he shed steering this institution through some difficult financial times. From 1993 through 2001, he ministered at Catholic Social Services in Augusta, Georgia and then went on to serve for three years in the finance office of Guadalupe Middle School in Brownsville, Texas. Frank retired in 2004 to the Los Fresnos community. In 2013, he became a member of the Champagnat Hall community in Bronx, New York.

Frank was described by many as a gentle giant, the personification of what it meant to be a gentleman. His brothers and members of his family, though, remember him as being primarily a man of prayer. In addition to joining his Champagnat Hall community daily to celebrate Eucharist and pray the Office, he spent hours every day in personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Throughout his religious life, he met monthly with a spiritual director. Quiet and unassuming, during his final years Frank served the community as an unofficial sacristan; he also cared for the house plants and reproduced Richard Rohr's daily blog, sharing it with several members of the community. Every summer, for more than 40 years, he made a weeklong silent directed retreat.

Coming to the end of his life, this thoughtful, brotherly gentle-man bore his hearing loss and frequent dizzy spells without complaint. He died peacefully in his room on January 8th, 2019.

January 10, 2016 Bro. Edward Breslin— Group of 1960, Age 77



Born on Marcellin's feast day, June 6th, in Queens, New York, Edward Breslin entered Manhattan College following high school; he majored in English. Subsequently, he went on to the Marist Brothers novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

Ed, as he was known, taught in various schools throughout the Province: in New York City, Chicago, and Miami. He also served as school treasurer at Mount Saint Michael Academy and Chaminade High School in Hollywood, Florida.

As a person, Ed was low-keyed but enjoyed a good laugh, especially during a cocktail hour. In 1986, both his parents, Charles and Helen, were murdered by a home invader who had taken crack prior to breaking in; Ed never recovered completely from this tragedy.

During the later years of his life, Ed teamed up with Sumner Herrick and went on road trips during the Christmas holidays and the summer months. They visited every state in the Union with the exception of Hawaii. A heavy smoker for most of his life, Ed passed away from respiratory complications. [Br. Sumner Herrick—edited]

January 10, 1995 Bro. Lawrence Ephrem Corbin—Group of 1932, Age 63



In 1932 Joseph Ernest left Fort Kent in northern Maine and entered the Marist novitiate; he was twenty-five years old.

Even during the years prior to the Second

Vatican Council, “Ephie,” as his brothers always called him, showed an interest in theology and modern scripture scholarship. For almost twenty years he spent his summers teaching scripture to the postulants and novices.

Before his vision began to fail, he committed himself to read through both the old and new testaments each year and reported that he always found something new.

His openness, curious mind, willingness to entertain new ideas, and genuine interest in and love of young people eventually became his trademarks. Well into his seventies, Ephie continued to work on Saint Mary’s High School retreats and encounters. During his 37 years at that school he served as a teacher, a principal and as Director of the brother’s community.

January 14, 1949 Bro. Adolph Armand Gagnaire - Group of 1897, Age 67



Adolph's dark complexion caused many to wonder whether he had ancestors who were Native American. He was a large man with a rough looking exterior but all who encountered him discovered a gentle and thoughtful soul.

A thorough and clear teacher, Adolph was greatly appreciated by his brothers and those who headed up the schools where he taught. He served as Director of the community at Saint Peter's School in Poughkeepsie, New York and later as sub-Master of novices. [Br. Paul Ambrose—edited]

January 15, 2009 Bro. Desmond Kelly—Group of 1953, Age 74



Born on December 6th, 1934 in Cliffany, Ireland to Hugh Kelly and Mary Harrison, 'Des' attended Power Memorial High School in New York City before entering Marist Preparatory in 1951.

He earned an MTS in Physics and Chemistry from Catholic University as well as an MNS in Geology from the University of Oklahoma and was awarded an honorary Doctorate by Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Des taught at Bishop Dubois High School in Manhattan and at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. He also served at the Mount as Principal from 1976 to 1980. He then moved to Oceania where he taught in New Zealand, Australia, American Samoa and Fiji.

In 1982 he volunteered to be part of a new project to serve the economically disadvantaged that was being established in Oakland, California. Subsequently he moved to Sargoda, Pakistan where in 1987 he became the first headmaster of the new Marist school located there.

On his return he taught at Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois and later served as Principal of Bishop Donahue High School in McMechan, West Virginia. Des retired in 2002 and died of cardiopulmonary arrest seven years later.

January 16, 2009 Bro. Philip J. McEnaney—Group of 1934, Age 90



Born in New York City in 1919, Phil always consider himself a "New Yawk-a!" Few things gave him greater pleasure than to read the Sunday *New York Times* throughout the week. He also enjoyed a cigarette and a leisurely bath, often at the same time.

The young Brother Harry was a capable and successful math teacher, whose career included assignments in Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, and Saint Agnes Boys High School and Bishop Dubois High School in Manhattan. When he could no longer teach classes of students, Phil worked in maintenance in several of our communities and helped with the care of our larger properties, at the time: Cold Spring-on-Hudson, New York, Esopus, New York, Eugene, Oregon, and Marist High School in Chicago.

In his later years Phil found his way to Alcoholics Anonymous; he gratefully shared the blessings of this organization by travelling regularly by bus and train from Marist High School to AA's headquarters in downtown Chicago to help person their telephone help lines and attend meetings. He died in Chicago in 2009.

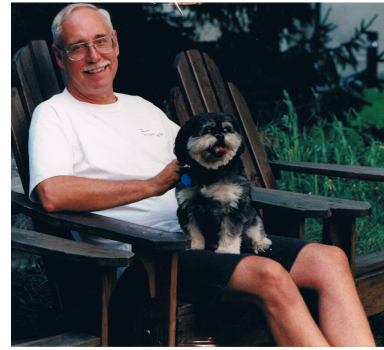
January 17, 1995 Bro. Thomas Maestro Calderon—Group of 1926, Age 83



Thomas Maestro Calderon was born March 1911 in Melgar de Fernamental, Spain. He earned a BA in 1934 and an MA in 1946. He most likely came to the States from Cuba when Castro came to power. He taught at Mount St. Michael in 1962 and then was assigned as a language teacher at Marist College in 1963.

He seemed to thrive in the academic environment of the college. Thomas was a cultured man: soft spoken, an easy listener, and a person who laughed easily. He was at his best when he conversed amidst the swirls of a fragrant cigar. [by Br. Hugh Turley]

January 17, 2021 Bro. Donald Nugent—Group of 1959, Age 80



Don was born to Else and Jim Nugent on Christmas Eve 1940 in Bronx, New York. He first met the Marist Brothers in 1954 as a freshman at Saint Helena High School. A year later he moved to the juniorate in Esopus, New York. His journey through all the stages of Marist formation helped him develop his academic life and also gave him a number of manual skills that would prove invaluable during the years that would follow.

In September 1963, Don took up life at Saint Joseph's Academy in Brownsville, Texas. He was to live in this part of the country for the next several years, years of tremendous change in the Catholic Church as well as our own Marist Institute. Eventually his work spread out from Saint Joseph's to include campus ministry at Texas Southmost College, pastoral work at Saint Joseph's parish, the leadership of choirs and the organization of retreats and Christian rallies.

The friends whom Don met during these years became eventually his "Texas family." Her had an uncanny ability to identify the gifts in others and to add his efforts to the development of those gifts.

In the mid-1980s, Don returned to the Hudson Valley to take on the leadership of programs at what is known today as the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus. This commitment was to last for a quarter century. Under his guidance, existing programs grew in number and scope and hundreds of young people were welcomed to the property each year. His spirit of welcome and warmth of spirit became one of the memories that young people took away from their days in Esopus.

During his final years in Esopus, he added his presence and wisdom to the Novitiate community and its program. Near the end of his life, he entered into a spiritual direction program and became a helpful guide to so many.

Don was a brother, spiritual guide, counselor, and a kind and understanding friend. He was called home to the Father as a result of complications from COVID-19. On the day before he passed into eternal life, more than 1200 people passed through his hospital room on ZOOM to remind him of their gratitude, love and prayers. May he Rest In Peace.

January 17, 2022 Bro. Philip Robert—Group of 1948, Age 91



Phil came from a strong French Canadian Catholic family in Ft. Kent Main, near the Canadian border. Both he and his Brother Ken Robert were Marist Brothers. One can only marvel at the richness, scope and diversity of Phil's ministry life and achievements. Consider his many assignments: high school teacher, founder of Marist Teen Encounter retreats, Province Vocation Director, Formation of young recruits in the Novitiate, Director of Summer Solidarity programs, Province and Institute Leadership. In his later years he was an Administrator (actually a pastor) of a rural parish in West Virginia and as a Certified Spiritual Director he guided and supported many adults in their spirituality Journey.

In addition to humility, simplicity and modesty, Fr. Champagnat, recommended his Brothers practice the "little virtues": to listen attentively, be available, be patient, gentle, hospitable, and above all, be of service to others. Those of us who have been privileged to live in community with Phil over the years, can testify to how faithfully he lived these virtues.

As Br. Rob Clark said at Phil's funeral: "Phil, your love affair with Jesus, Mary and Marcellin brought you to live and mirror the Good News of God's love in every community where you lived and in every one of your ministries. You lived a rich and significant life – even as your health and memory faded with Parkinson's in these last years. You lived so radically what a life centered in Christ offers and remained faithful to the end.

by Br. William Lavigne (edited)

January 18, 1943 Bro. Victor Hilaire Boutin—Group of 1901, Age 58



Victor Hilaire taught in Lowell and Lawrence from 1906 to 1923. He was Director for his last year in Massachusetts. He was then assigned to Poughkeepsie where he was a Prefect for the novices. Later he served the Brothers as a tailor and later an infirmarian. He died after forty-two years as a Marist.

January 18, 1963 Bro. Oswald Granger—Group of 1889, Age 91



Oswald Granger was sent from Switzerland to help the quickly expanding United States Province.

As a man he was the picture of kindness and helped many a young brother in formation. For a number of years he taught the upper division classes in the grammar school at Saint Ann's Academy; he was always pleasant and interested in what the young brothers and their students were doing. Ever ready to help out, Oswald was generous with his time and a great help in the Scholasticate. [Br. Paul Ambrose]

January 18, 1965 Bro. Frederick Charles Dumaresq—Group of 1902, Age 84



For a number of years Frederick Charles served as Province vocation promoter. He is best remembered, though, for his years of service as Province tailor.

Charles had a great sense of humor; when anyone visited he always looked for some time to tell them his latest jokes. Most were far-fetched tales or silly plays on words, but he did enjoy telling them.

At times the work period in the tailor shop in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts became more of a ‘tea’ than anything else; little work was accomplished. This is one of the reasons why the brothers gave Charles the nickname “ma tante.” When the work input sagged, the prefect of the novices would assign to the tailor shop for a few weeks one of the more “macho” novices who up until that time had been working in the barn. This change of personnel would lead to an end to the teas and work in the tailor shop would start up once again. [Br. Phil Robert—edited]

January 19, 1937 Bro. Adolph Leo Girondon—Group of 1893, Age 59



Born in France, Adolph was invested in the Marist habit at l'Hermitage. He had a number of teaching assignments in France but due to the laws of secularization that were instituted in 1903, he was sent to England to learn English. A year later he arrived at Saint Ann's Academy in New York City. After some other assignments in Canada, he was assigned to Poughkeepsie in 1911, just prior to the US Province splitting from Canada.

Adolph spent much of his life as teacher, Master of novices, and Econome. He was director of the brothers' community in Manchester, New Hampshire for about 3 years. In 1923 he was sent to Poughkeepsie to serve as Master of Novices, a position that he held until his death in 1937.

Although he appeared to be somewhat stern "those who knew him and came to him for guidance found a true friend, experienced in the ways of God and full of sympathy for human frailty." For a number of years, he suffered from some sort of throat ailment compounded by a mounting series of other infirmities. When he collapsed in the refectory one day, an aneurysm on his aorta was discovered. Paralysis, as well as pulmonary and heart problems were followed by pneumonia; he passed away in January 1937 with the community gathered at his bedside. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

January 19, 1987 Bro. Arthur Xavier Laroche—Group of 1922, Age 81



‘BAX,’ as his brothers called him due to the initials of his name, was born on January 2nd, 1906 in Manitoba, Canada. He loved to be with people and

consequently attended the school’s football, basketball and baseball games, as well as almost all of the Mothers and Fathers Club meetings.

He took a great interest in his students, colleagues in the library and volunteers throughout the school. At any gathering he was the first to arrive and the last to leave.

BAX was a worker, serving fulltime for sixty of his sixty-five years as a brother. He also spent more than twenty-five summers at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire. He was a teacher and a librarian at École Hevey in Manchester, New Hampshire, Saint Joseph’s in Lowell, Massachusetts, and Saint Jean the Baptist, Saint Agnes Boys High School, Bishop Dubois High School and Mount Saint Michael Academy, all in New York City. He also served in Wheeling, West Virginia, Esopus, New York, and Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey. BAX retired to Miami in 1986. [Eulogy by Br. Kevin O’Neill—edited]

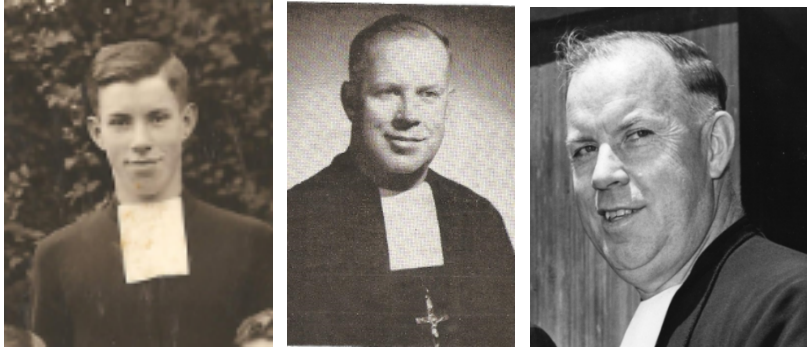
January 20, 1940 Bro. Edmund Jude La Joie—Group of 1926, Age 29



Edmund Jude was the second brother in the US Province to be given this name. Unfortunately, he developed paralysis early in his religious life and was rendered totally incapacitated, never leaving his bed for the rest of his religious life.

Throughout his ordeal, he remained a model of patience and forbearance, providing a striking example to the young scholastics who visited him each day in the Infirmary. [Br. Paul Ambrose—edited]

January 20, 1970 Bro. Leo Sylvius Cote—Group of 1928, Age 58



Born in 1912 in Manchester, New Hampshire, Leo attended École Hevey before entering the juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. He was invested in the Marist habit at Saint Ann's Novitiate in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Leo earned an MA in languages from Fordham University. He served as a teacher at a number of schools including Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan, Saint Joseph's High School in Lowell, Massachusetts, and Saint Joseph's Juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

Leo was appointed principal of Mount Saint Michael Academy in 1942 and continued in that position for ten years; during his tenure he oversaw the construction of Mount's Memorial Gymnasium. Subsequently, he was named principal of Saint Agnes Boys High School and served as Academic Dean at Marist College.

In 1962 he was appointed Provincial of the Esopus Province and during the next six years led the Province in a period of significant expansion. During his tenure, Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey was opened as was Roselle Catholic High School and Union Catholic, both in New Jersey, Christ the King High School, in Middle Village, New York and Christopher Columbus and Msgr. Pace High School both in Florida. Leo spent twenty-six of his thirty-one years as a brother in administration. [Obituary—edited]

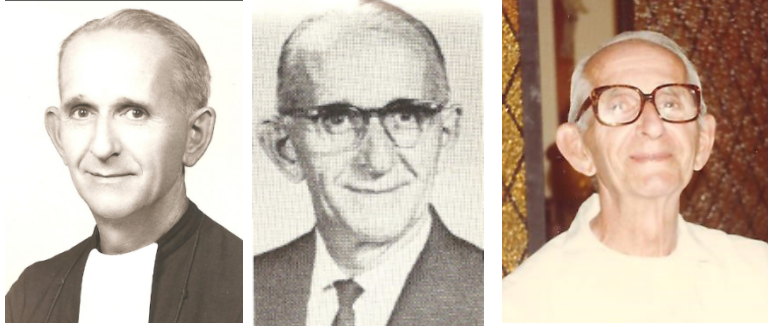
January 21, 1980 Bro. Thomas Alban McBennett—Group of 1926, Age 71



Born in 1909 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Thomas entered our Marist brotherhood in 1925. He taught at the St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan, Marmian Military Academy in Aurora, Illinois, Boy's High School, Savannah, and Boy's Catholic High School, Augusta.

Thomas was one of the founding brothers at Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey. For eighteen summers he also worked at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire. [Eulogy—edited]

January 21, 1985 Bro. Victor Baptist Prud'homme—Group of 1926, Age 75

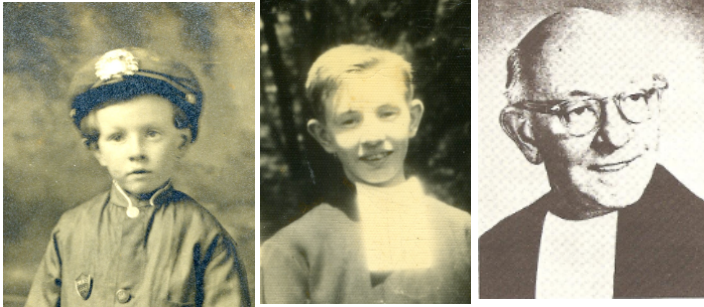


Vic was a conversationalist who enjoyed seeing and being with people. He was known to be able to keep a conversation going on just about any topic.

He could also size up people quickly and had an ability to put them at ease. He was a private man and others took it as a real complement about their relationship with him whenever he trusted them enough to talk about himself.

Vic also loved to write. If you gained a spot on his letter list, you could expect to receive four times a years a single spaced, two page missive. An independent person, he found it difficult late in life and in the face of illness to have others take care of his personal needs. [Eulogy—edited]

January 21, 1990 Bro. Regis James Creighton—Group of 1927, Age 78



Jimmy was a wonderful, patient and wise person. He was also a respected mentor for the young teachers that were sent to staff the Mount Grammar School where he served as principal.

Collecting attendance several times a day gave him an opportunity to quietly observe classroom behavior and teaching methods. He would then go on to cover necessary aspects of classroom management during his regular faculty meetings.

Whenever you shared a planned class project with him, you could expect that during the next day or so, he would ask you to “stop by (his) office later today.” In a brief and informal meeting you would hear him gently suggest that, “If you do it this way, parents could complain that.....” and “If you state your project that way, students could misunderstand your directions and” Jimmy never failed to set you up for success as a young teacher. [Br. Michael Williams—edited]

January 21, 1991 Bro. Robert Francis Koehly—Group of 1925, Age 89



Bob was born in Germany in 1901; his family immigrated to the US when he was quite young settling in North Adams, Massachusetts. He served the Province in a number of ways, as a: prefect, chef, gardener,

working in maintenance and in the laundry, etc.

He also lived in several communities throughout the Province including Poughkeepsie and Esopus, New York, and Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan. At the time of his Diamond Jubilee, he had been living at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida for more than twenty-five years.

During the later years of his life while living in Esopus, New York, whenever something was in need of repair, Bob would run off to get his tools saying at the same time, "I'll fix it." Thus, he acquired the nickname "Bob-fix-it!" [1985 Jubilee Booklet—edited]

January 22, 1935 Bro. Joseph Cecilius Chapat—Group of 1896, Age 54



Born in France, Joseph entered the novitiate at l'Hermitage; five and a half months later he was invested in the Marist habit.

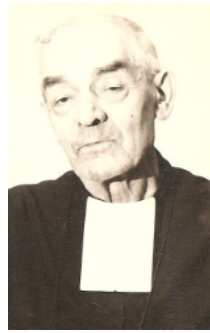
At first, he took up manual work but later served as a teacher in France. In 1900 he moved to the US and began teaching in Manchester, New Hampshire and later at other schools.

In 1910 he was assigned to Saint Ann's Academy in New York City.

Two years later the Provincial Council gave him permission to return to Europe; however, he first had to "shave off his illegal beard." On his return to the US he went back to Saint Ann's where he continued teaching for six years and then to serve as Econome for another four.

Joseph returned to France permanently in 1923 and died twelve years later. He is buried in the cemetery at l'Hermitage. [Leonard Voegtle's note—edited]

January 23, 1976 Bro. Alexander Josephat Veilleux—Group 1913, Age 83



Josephat was born in Beauceville P.Q Canada to a devout Catholic family who prayed the rosary together every night. The family eventually moved to Waterville, Maine, where six years later a Marist Brother invited Josephat and four other boys to enter the brotherhood. While in the juniorate, Josephat lost his leg in an accident involving a falling tree.

He went on to teach third grade in Lowell and later to teach at Saint Anne's in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was always proud of the fact that there were nine priests and one Marist brother among his students. Later he served as an assistant librarian and book binder in Poughkeepsie.

He also served as tailor in Poughkeepsie and Esopus, New York and finally in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. A cure from cancer of Josephat's aunt, Mrs. Grondin, was one of the miracles accepted by the Church for Marcellin Champagnat's Beatification. [Province Jubilee—edited]

January 23, 2023 Bro. Gerald Doherty—Group of 1962, Age 79



Brother Gerald Patrick Doherty was a man for all seasons. No matter the ministry, he served with much love, devotion and professionalism. Teacher, Counsellor, Colleague, and above all Friend. His

classes, in the many Marist schools he taught in, were among his student's favorite. His heart was always in each and every assignment he undertook. Gerald had a marvelous gift of empathetic listening in all his relationships. He loved people and people loved him. Everyone seemed to come away a kinder, milder, and energized person.

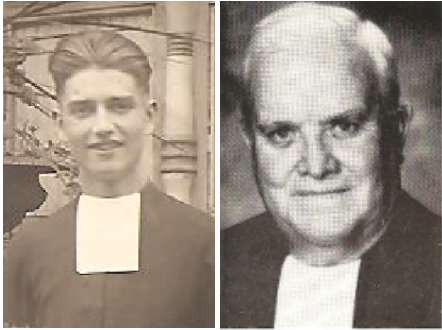
Gerald's gift to the US Province as Vocation Recruiter, Contact Director, and Guidance Counselor and Director were conjoined to his love for classroom teaching. He was so prepared for his work by his multiple advanced degrees from Fordham, Loyola and Manhattan. Gerald spent long hours in the guidance office helping students find their own paths to the future. His ability to listen without judgement no doubt came from his daily devotion to silent prayer and meditation which was paramount in his daily schedule. His remembrance of everyone in his life was a staple ingredient in his prayer life. No one was ever forgotten.

The top priority of Gerald's day was his time spent with the Lord. He took spiritual direction both given and received with great care and honor. Everyone was included; no one was left out.

His memorial card contained the following:

“It is LOVE alone that counts” Saint Therese Martin

January 24, 1988 Bro. Michael O'Keefe—Group of 1942, Age 65



Mike entered the Brothers as a student from Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. Initially he was given the name Brother Godwin Anselm and went on to serve at Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan and Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. He also held the position of Prefect in the boarding school at the Mount.

In 1952 he traveled to the Philippines to help establish our Marist presence in that country; he remained there until 1980. During the uprising on Mindanao during the early 1970's his life was at times endangered.

His eulogist described him as "a simple man with simple tastes who loved a good party." On his return from the Philippines, he was assigned to Mount Saint Michael Academy; later he took on an assignment in Guam. Mike finally retired to the community at Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey.

January 26, 1959 Bro. Hippolyte Veriaguet—Group of 1910, Age 66



Born in the region of Bordeaux, France, Hippolyte came from a very religious family; four of his siblings joined religious life.

As a young boy he witnessed his father being shot as he returned from the local village to the family's farm.

Hippolyte joined the brothers and in 1913 he was assigned to the US Province. Subsequently, he spent thirty-four years in the classroom; during half of these years, he lived in Lowell,

Massachusetts.

When Saint Mary's High School opened in Manhasset New York, he volunteered to cook for the community. He was described as being very careful, thorough and meticulous in his preparations, always taking care to be sensitive to each individual Brother's needs and desires in what he prepared. In 1957 he was diagnosed with cancer and underwent an operation. He returned to his duties quickly, however, insisting that he "did not want to be a burden to the community." In October of 1958 he suffered a mild stroke and was hospitalized for three months as the paralysis continued to spread. [Provincial biography—edited]

January 27, 2012 Bro. Vincent Xavier Woodman—Group of 1951, Age 79



Physically strong and strong in his reactions, Vinny earned an MA from Fordham and went on to teach at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

During the last quarter century of his life, he became more withdrawn but stayed active as Athletic Equipment Manager at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx.

January 28, 1926 Bro. Cerin Faurand—Group of 1904, Age 38

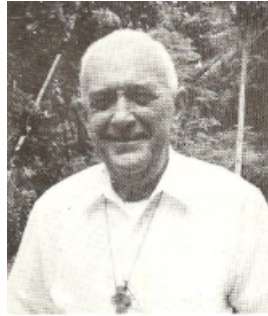


Born near Le Puy, France, Cerin was the first brother in the US Province to bear that name. He entered the juniorate at LaValla in 1900 but, due to the 1903 laws of secularization in France, made his novitiate in northern Italy.

Cerin traveled to Canada in either 1907 or 1908; from 1914 through 1916 he was assigned to teach in Lowell, Massachusetts.

To maintain his French citizenship, he returned to France during World War I and completed his military service. Having survived the war, he remained in France and continued teaching until the time of his death in 1926. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes—edited]

January 28, 1992 Bro. Norman Cyril Roy—Group of 1939, Age 69



Born in 1922 in Berlin, New Hampshire, Norman Cyril Roy earned his BS degree from Fordham and later an MA degree from Columbia University. His interest was in the areas of

chemistry and mathematics.

Norman taught at Saint Anne's School in Lawrence, Massachusetts and Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan. In 1953 he volunteered to go to the Philippines to help establish our Marist Brothers' presence in that country. While there he served as a teacher, the Master of Novices, and eventually as Provincial of the Philippine Province.

He was a master at crossword puzzles and without hesitation completed them all in ink. Since he preferred to start with a clean puzzle, he usually got to the newspapers first. [Province Jubilee biography—edited]

January 28, 1993 Bro. Daniel Michael Sullivan—Group of 1950, Age 61



Dan was a man who “loved to spin a yarn, tell a story, hold court and make people smile.” In 1947 he entered the juniorate from Saint Ann’s Academy in New York City and went on later to teach at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Saint Helena’s High School in the Bronx, and Saint Ann’s Academy.

At age twenty-five he set off to help staff our Marist mission in Japan. Two years of language study in Tokyo followed; he was then assigned to the Marist Brothers International School in Kobe, Japan. Two years later, in 1961, he joined two other brothers in founding the Marist School in Kumamoto, Japan.

Dan returned to the US ten years later and began to teach at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. In due time, however, he began to be plagued by a number of fears and phobias. He moved on to Marist Hall in Cold Spring-on-Hudson, New York where he served as a cook.

In 1982, he helped establish the Poughkeepsie Province’s first development office. As his health began to fail, he lost a leg to diabetes and developed a heart condition. Dan spent his final years as a member of the community at Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York [Eulogy Br. Sean Sammon—edited]

January 29, 1924 Bro. Basilicus Roumesy—Group of 1878, Age 60



Born in France, Basilicus was invested in the habit at l'Hermitage. As was the custom at that time, he was then assigned to cook for a year.

After leaving LaValla, he returned to l'Hermitage and took up manual labor. Subsequently, he served as a cook in several communities and taught at a variety of schools.

In 1893, at the age of twenty nine, he was assigned to North America. While here, he most likely served as a first grade teacher in Iberville and Montreal, in Canada, Manchester, New Hampshire, and Lawrence, Massachusetts to name but a few. He was assigned to Lowell, Massachusetts from 1909 until 1923. Becoming ill in the spring of that year, he returned to France where he died seven months later at l'Hermitage. [Br. Leonard Voegtle's notes—edited]

January 29, 1942 Bro. Francis Borgia Arthaud—Group of 1904, Age 54



From 1929 until 1942, Francis Borgia served as the American Assistant General. He took his role quite seriously and, therefore, at times, could come across as strict, demanding, and officious.

Well versed in Latin, he carried out tasks of some importance, especially advancing the causes of Father Champagnat and Brother

Francois. [Br. Phil Robert—edited

January 29, 1948 Bro. Joseph Bonaventure Beaudry—Group of 1888, Age 79



Bonaventure and Ellie Justin (died 3/5/1953) were a team in their old age. They had a relationship that was built upon their need for each other. Bonaventure was functionally deaf, even with a hearing aid; Justin was blind.

They were seen together each day, arm in arm, especially during their daily walk to the cemetery in Poughkeepsie. In his retirement Bonaventure melted the old wax from vigil lights, using it to make new candles. He also helped out by repairing watches. [Br. Paul

Ambrose—edited]

January 29, 1977 Fr. John Lawrence O'Shea, SM—Group of 1923, Age 69



Born in New York City on February 10th, 1908, John met the brothers while a student at Saint Ann's Academy. He later earned his BA and MA degrees at Fordham University.

He served as community Director at Central Catholic High School, Lawrence, Massachusetts, Mount Saint Michael Academy, Bronx, New York, and Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan. In 1959 he was named Provincial of the newly established Poughkeepsie Province.

In 1971 John was ordained a Marist priest; he returned to Central Catholic High School where he served as chaplain. He died after a long battle with cancer and is buried in the brother's cemetery in Esopus, New York.

January 29, 2003 Bro. Clement Legare—Group of 1934, Age 86



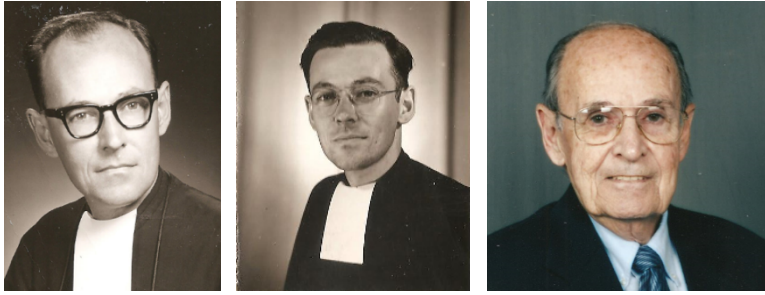
A native of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Clem was born in 1916 and given the name Lucien at baptism. Early in his Marist life, however, he was nicknamed "the Farmer" by his brothers due to his gruff speech and country ways.

Clem earned his BA at Fordham University in 1944 with an emphasis in Physics and Mathematics. He went on to teach at the École Hevey in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan, Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia and Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

During the 1950s he also taught with the Benedictine Fathers and other Marist Brothers at Marmion Military Academy in Illinois where he coached several award-winning rifle teams. For a period he was assigned to the Marist Brothers Generalate in Rome where, among other things, he got the swimming pool back into operation.

For the last twenty years of his life he served in Chicago as a math tutor and in the Province's Development Office. Summers saw him at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire. [Br. Brice Byczynski—edited]

January 30, 2016 Bro. Thomas Lee—Group of 1949, Age 85



Tom Lee loved being a brother; in community he was a quiet and stabilizing presence, a person who loved to read and someone who was quite handy at fixing things.

During his early years as a Marist he served as a cook in the formation houses. Fortunately for those who had the privilege of living with him, Tom never forgot those culinary skills; it was often his pride and joy to empty the refrigerator of leftovers and serve the best-made meat pie for supper.

For more than a decade, Tom served as Province Treasurer. This job brought him to all the ministries of the Province and he would often come home bearing tales of what was happening in other parts of the country.

Throughout his life, Tom had a heart for the least favored and spent many years living in inner city Newark while working in the Province Office, at the Archdiocesan school office and spending his efforts for the not-for-profit community development corporation.

January 31, 1973 Bro. Vincent Dominic Hall—Group of 1915, Age 74



Born on April 16th, 1899, Vincent was the brother of Brother Linus William, known as “Red Linus,” who served for a time as Provincial.

Vincent earned his BS from Fordham University in 1929 and two years later completed an MA in mathematics. He served as a math teacher in many Marist schools throughout the US including assignments in New York City, Poughkeepsie, New York, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Savannah, Georgia.

In 1949 he was assigned to Stepinac High School in Westchester County and charged with the task of setting up and organizing the school’s math department. He remained there for three years. During the early 1960s he was Professor of Mathematics at Marist College; reports have it that whenever he finished teaching a class his cassock would always be covered with chalk dust from top to bottom.