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May 1, 1938 Bro. Marie Florentius Poisson—Group of 1904, Age 49



Though born in Quebec, Canada, Florentius moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts with his family when he was but 10 years old and began attending Saint Anne's School. Two years later he was back in Canada as a Junior preparing for his life as a brother.

After making first vows, he was assigned to ministries in both Canada and the States and in 1910 was appointed the first Master of Scholastics in Poughkeepsie. The group of student brothers, however, was small—made up of 9 or 10 only—and legend has it that Florentius “joyfully refused the title of ‘Master,’” preferring instead to be called the “student in charge” and “everybody’s friend.”

His stay in Poughkeepsie was short lived, but two years. Immediately afterwards he was given the charge of establishing Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx and heading up its community of brothers. Though successful in his mission, the burden of these responsibilities seriously compromised his health. In 1932 he was asked to take up work as the director of St. Anne's in Lawrence; at the same time he began laying the groundwork for Central Catholic High School which opened its doors in 1935. The following year he became the Director/Principal of this new school and remained in that position until his death from a heart attack two years later. He is buried on the campus of Marist College.

[Br. Leonard Voegtler notes - edited]

May 2, 1924 Bro. James Thomas Vize—Group of 1922, Age 17



James Thomas was the first of three members of the U.S. Province to bear that name. He was also the first Brother born in the U.S. to make his novitiate in Poughkeepsie and to die in the Institute. Born in Manhattan, he entered the Juniorate when he was 12.

Moving on to the novitiate, he was invested in the Marist habit at age 15 years. Unfortunately, during his second year of study at the Scholasticate he developed a “malignant fever” which led to his death.

[Br. Leonard Voegtle notes - edited]

May 4, 1939 Bro. Marie Clement Sabot—Group of 1904, Age 51

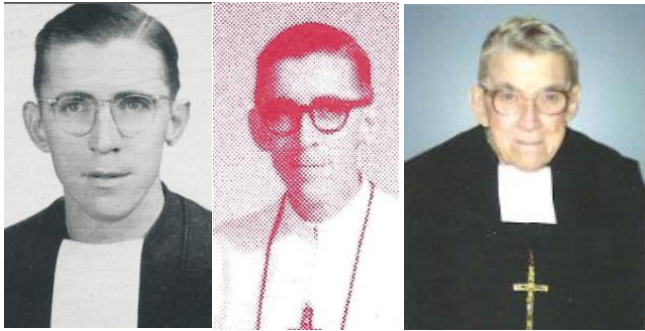


Marie Clement was born in 1888 at St. Paul-de-Mons, France and at age eleven years entered the juniorate at LaValla. In 1902 he became a postulant at Santa Maria, Italy and pronounced his first vows two years later.

Marie Clement came to Iberville, Canada in 1908 where spent one year as a teacher before moving on to Montreal. He then returned to Iberville where he spent a year doing general work.

In 1911 Marie Clement traveled to the US where he taught in Haverhill, Massachusetts for five years. In 1916 he moved to New York City and taught school until his death twenty-three years later. He spent much of his life as a first-grade teacher preparing children for their first Communion.

May 5, 2009 Bro. A. Louis Dubois—Group of 1944, Age 83



Known to be a prayerful and humble man, Louis was born on December 7th, 1925 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He attended Saint Joseph's Elementary School in Methuen, Massachusetts and eventually went on to the Marist Juniorate, where he spent three years.

In 1947, he was assigned to teach in Canada. A year later, he returned to the United States where, until 1965, he taught at a number of Marist schools throughout the country.

Louis earned a Master's degree from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas and also a certificate in Tagalog Studies from the Maryknoll Language School.

In 1966 he was assigned to the missions, first to Sibuyan, Sarawak in Malaysia, and later to Papua New Guinea, Guam, and, finally, Manila, the Philippines.

In 1992 Louis returned to Florida's Christopher Columbus High School community and helped out in the clothing store office at the school for the remainder of his life. His summers were occupied at Camp Marist where he ran the roller-skating program.

Louis was rarely seen without his cassock. In 1999, he wrote a letter to his Provincial explaining his reasons for wearing the Marist habit. He believed, he explained, that in wearing his cassock he was reminding people not only about the presence of the Marist Brothers but also of God's presence in our world.

May 7, 1966 Bro. Rudolph Xavier Foley—Group of 1912, Age 68



Born in 1897 in Lowell, Massachusetts, Rudy began his formation at Saint Ann's novitiate in Poughkeepsie. His teaching career brought him to many parts of the U.S. and Canada: Saint Ann's Academy, Saint Agnes Boys High School, Saint Jean the Baptist School, Mount Saint Michael Academy, Marist College and Saint Peter's School in the Archdiocese of

New York as well as assignments in Montreal, Canada, Savannah, Georgia, and Lawrence, Massachusetts. For several years he was Director of the brothers' community at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Rudy held a BA, MA, and a PhD from Fordham University; at the time of his death he was assigned to Saint Joseph's High School in Lowell, Massachusetts.

May 7, 2002 Bro. Christopher Weiss – Group of 1948, Age 71



Known as a quiet man, Chris Weiss was born in 1931 and died in hospice care in May of 2002. After being awarded a degree in library science by Catholic University of America in 1962, he devoted himself to this work for the next 36 years in places as varied as Archbishop Molloy High School, Marist High School, Bayonne, Roselle Catholic High School, and the Marist Brothers General House in Rome, Italy.

Sharing his feelings freely with his family, Chris was also known for his subtle humor and his attitude of gratitude. He was grateful for the even the smallest of favors; during the last several months of his life, having lost most of his ability to speak, he was still able to and often did say the words “thank you.”

May 8, 1971 Bro. Paul Acyndinus Duclau—Group of 1898, Age 89

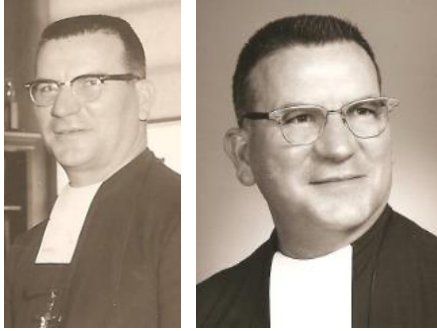


With a well-deserved reputation for brilliance, Brother Paul was a gifted linguist, a top-notch mathematics and science teacher, as well as the quintessential absent minded professor.

Legendary tales about him abound. He was known to have tested live electric wires with his wet fingers, to have walked off the end of a ladder on the second floor level, and to have forgotten his text book in the bathroom and, instead, walked into class with a roll of toilet paper under his arm. While always looking a bit lost and distracted, he was greatly loved because of his perpetual smile and his great patience especially with students who found it difficult to learn.

[Br. Phil Robert]

May 8, 1989 Bro. Cletus Richard Guimond—Group of 1934, Age 73



Two of Cletus's uncles were Marist Brothers, so it may not have been much of a surprise when he entered the Marist Juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts at age 12. He went on to earn a BS in Education from Fordham University as well as an MA in Math Education from Columbia University.

He served as a math teacher, athletic moderator and director, and principal in places as far afield as Manchester, New Hampshire, the Bronx, Manhasset, Wheeling, West Virginia, Bayonne, New Jersey, and at Christ the King High School in Queens, New York. At the time of his 50th jubilee, he was serving as director of one of the retirement residences in Miami, Florida. [1984 Jubilee Booklet - edited]

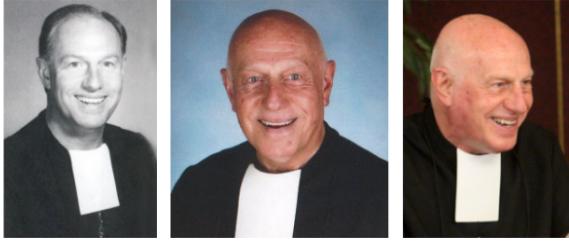
May 11, 1993 Bro. Gabriel Vincent Barrett—Group of 1926, Age 92



Gabe will forever be remembered for his kind and generous spirit. He always had a ready smile and often enough a daily joke. These qualities continued well into his retirement years when he was known for his welcome and hospitality.

Having earned his BA in secondary education from Fordham University and his MA in library science from Villanova University, Gabe taught at Saint Jean the Baptist School, Mount Saint Michael Academy, and Archbishop Molloy High School in the New York area and in Wheeling, West Virginia, and Augusta, Georgia. [1986 Jubilee Booklet - edited]

May 11, 2019 Bro. Michael Fisher—Group of 1964, Age 71



Michael Fisher's life came to a close on the morning of Saturday, May 11, 2019. He was seventy-one years of age and had been a Marist Brother for fifty-five years.

Born and raised in Mexico, Michael entered our Marist postulancy in 1963; a year later he joined he novitiate class at the Marist Novitiate in Mexico City.

He professed first vows in 1965 and moved on to the Marist Scholasticate in Queretaro, Mexico to continue his religious and academic formation.

Michael went on to teach at Marist schools in Pachuca, Mexico (1968–1974), Sauayo, Mexico (1974–1976), and Colegio Mexico in Mexico City (1976-1980). He also served as Principal and Director of the Marist School in Pachuca, Mexico (1980-1984). During these years he also earned two Masters degrees.

In 1984, he transferred to the then Esopus Province and continued his teaching ministry at St. Mary's High School, Manhasset, New York (1984-1990) and later at Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York.

The twenty-nine years that he spent at Molloy were rich in activity and in faith. Michael taught Spanish and moderated varsity soccer as well as the Student Activities Committee. He believed strongly in Marcellin's mission of evangelization; his students and colleagues will always remember his warmth, his sense of humor, and his professionalism.

May 12, 1959 Bro. Louis Euthyme Desmarais—Group of 1907, Age 68



Though he was born in Connecticut in 1891, Louis entered the Marist Institute in Canada and subsequently taught there for a number of years. However, when the U.S. Province was established, he quickly made it his own and went on to teach in Savannah, Georgia as well as at Saint Jean's and Saint Ann's Academy in New York City. Greatly loved by his fellow brothers, his younger confreres described him as "their friend, their confidant, their champion".

The brothers gave him the nick name of Elmo after a "legendary figure of the same name". Known for his "devotedness to duty, his cheerful, pleasant personality and his unostentatious affection for his students," Louis became increasingly weak and was hospitalized during the months just prior to his death. He eventually fell into a coma and died.

[Provincial biography - edited]

May 12, 1975 Bro. Henry Bassus Beaulaigue—Group of 1903, Age 91



Henry Bassus was born in Peyrthe, France on October 17, 1884, and met the Marist Brothers while a student at their school in a neighboring village, Saint Julian Molhesabate; shortly thereafter he entered the Institute.

While he was still a young professed brother, a period of anti-clericalism swept across France causing Henry to travel to the United States. Settled in this country, he continued to struggle with a stutter and, thus, became one of our wonderful “working” brothers who served the community as cooks, gardeners and maintenance workers.

Henry became an accomplished cook and worked as one in several of our local communities. During the later years of his life, he was best known for his skills as a farmer. Henry spent many years at the novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts where he worked closely with the postulants and novices canning many of the fruit and vegetables from his garden. His beets, peaches and tomato juice became staples in the novitiate diet and were enjoyed during the long winter months.

Henry rarely spoke while working alongside the postulants and novices, but always had a shy smile and his own way of recognizing their efforts. His simple and humble way of acting as well as his prayerful presence in the Chapel each morning, were the gifts he offered to all and which made him such a beloved person. [Br. John Malich]

May 12, 2012 Bro. Chanel Lambert – Group of 1941, Age 88



Chanel, born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, came from a devout French-Canadian family whose parish was staffed by the Marist Fathers. His uncle Eugene was a Marist Brother, Chanel's brother became a Marist bishop in the Pacific, four of his aunts entered religious life, his nephew Bill Lambert became a

Marist Brother, and a great nephew was ordained in 2009 for the diocese of Tallahassee, Florida. He was known to take notes in both English and French during his annual retreats.

May 13, 1995 Bro. Leo Richard Morris - Group of 1952, Age 65

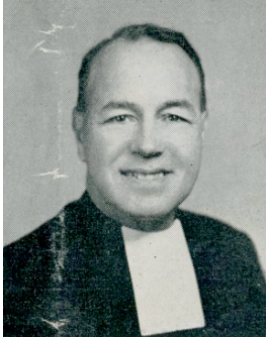


Prior to attending Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont—where he played football, “Teddy” Morris was a student at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Following college, he entered the Marist

Brothers' novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

Except for two years that he spent teaching at Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey, Leo Richard was assigned to Archbishop Molloy High School. A charismatic man who loved young people, he spoke their language, listened to their dreams, and came to understand them in the deepest way possible. At Molloy, Leo founded an innovative program called SMILE and set-up the school's Peer Group Counseling Program. These two initiatives continue to be his living legacy of love to so many generations of young people. [Br. James Norton]

May 14, 1961 Bro. Pius Victor Bellefeuille—Group of 1927, Age 52



Having entered the Institute at Saint Ann's Novitiate in Poughkeepsie, New York, Pius moved after making his first vows to the Marist Normal Training School on the same property. With his formation complete, he set out on a teaching career that took him to Marist schools in Haverhill and Lowell, Massachusetts and New York City.

In 1943 he was called back to Poughkeepsie as a member of the novitiate staff. He spent the next fifteen years forming young Marist brothers both as a teacher and model. In 1948, he moved on to Tyngsboro, Massachusetts: first to the Juniorate and then later to the Novitiate where in 1952 he succeeded Louis Omer as Master. Illness eventually forced him to retire to the Scholasticate community at Marian (today Marist) College in 1958. He died there a few years later at age 52. [Br. Brice Byczynski]

May 14, 1965 Bro. Joannes Marius Bergeron—Group of 1902, Age 78



Joannes was born in the small town of Sillery, Quebec, Canada and entered our Marist Institute at age 12. He taught at Marist schools in Canada, the State of New York, and at Saint Anne's Grammar School in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Stationed at Central Catholic in Lawrence, Massachusetts for thirty years—i.e., from its foundation until his death, Joannes became known as Mister Central Catholic. Though a teacher of Latin, French, history, algebra and geometry, it was clear to all that his greatest love was wood-working which he “taught with a passion.”

While at Central, Joannes served as Athletic Director, including fifteen years as football moderator and eight as track coach. He also designed and supervised the building of the first Chapel at Camp Marist and used his carpentry skills to build office equipment, head boards and other furniture. He died within an hour of being admitted to hospital for the treatment of heart disease. [Province notes - edited]

May 14, 1965 Bro. Claude Swallow—Group of 1933, Age 49



As the first administrator of Roselle Catholic High School, Claude opened the place when it was still operating out of several overcrowded classrooms in Saint Joseph's Grammar School. At the same time, over a three year period, he supervised the construction of the new school. The dedication of its east wing in 1962 marked its official opening. Claude died during his term as Principal of Roselle.

May 14, 1970 Bro. Arthur Cloutier - Group of 1917, Age 69



Arthur was at his best as an elementary school teacher. He took up with enthusiasm assignments at Saint Peter's in Poughkeepsie, New York, at Haverstraw, as well as Saint Ann's Academy. He also taught in New England, in Lowell, Lawrence, and at Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. His final years as an elementary school teacher found him at Mount Saint Michael Academy where he retired in 1967. Three years later he died of a heart attack while in residence at the novitiate in Tyngsboro. [Obituary – edited]

May 14, 1987 Brother Linus William Hall — Group of 1920, Age 83



Brother Linus William, who was destined to lead the United States Brothers as the last Provincial of the United States Province and the first Provincial of the Province of Esopus, was born in New York City on July 20, 1904. After graduating from St. Ignatius Loyola School on Park Avenue in 1919, he entered the Poughkeepsie Juniorate. He received the Marist habit on July 26, 1920, becoming one of the first Marist Brothers of Irish-American descent.

His early teaching assignments included Boys Catholic Grammar School in Savannah, Georgia, as well as St. Agnes High School and St. Ann's Academy in New York City. At the age of 30 he became the principal of Mount Saint Michael Academy. After four years in that role, he was appointed Director of St. Ann's Academy. In addition to these academic appointments, it is important to note that in 1938 he became the first non-French and/or Canadian born member of the United States Provincial Council. Over the next nearly twenty years, he assumed a variety of leadership roles, including that of being the first Director of the newly established Marist Prep (Juniorate) in Esopus, New York.

From 1953 until 1959 he served as the Provincial of the United States Province, a period that witnessed significant growth in the number of Brothers in the Province and a corresponding increase in the number of apostolic ventures. The latter included Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood and Our Lady Of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. In 1959 the General Council appointed him as the Provincial of the new Esopus Province. In this role he continued to oversee the continued expansion of the Province to include Christopher Columbus High School and Roselle Catholic High School.

Known as a strong and efficient leader, a dynamic personality, and a great storyteller, he was also plagued by personal challenges. Later in life he spent some time at Guest House in Minnesota and, afterwards, served as a Geometry teacher at Archbishop Molloy High School. He eventually retired to Miami, Florida, where he passed away in 1987.

May 14, 1999 Bro. Lucian Duguay - Group of 1942, Age 78



During his 57 years as a Marist Brother, Lucian served at Saint Peter's in Haverstraw, New York, Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, at the tailor shop in Esopus, as well as at assignments in Newark and Roselle, New Jersey, Georgia, and Florida. At age 65 he set out as a missionary in Liberia, Africa. Three years later he was forced to return to the States due to ill health. A dedicated elementary school teacher,

he loved children, worked hard on their behalf, and at the end of any day always enjoyed a good cigar. [Eulogy by Br. Vincent Damian - edited]

May 14, 2013 Bro. James Kearney—Group of 1949, Age 83



A keen student of human nature, Jim Kearney dedicated his life to the work of evangelization through Catholic education. A superb teacher, a skilled administrator, a valued colleague and counselor, he served the Province well at

schools such as Mount Saint Michael Academy and Saint Agnes High Boys High School. For almost two decades he put his hand to the work of leading the schools of the Archdiocese of New York as their Superintendent. During his later years Jim continued to make a contribution as a mentor to young teachers and through his service on the Boards of many institutions including Marist College, the Kennedy Child Study Center, and the Lavallo School for the Blind. For many years he was a member of the Province Council of the then Poughkeepsie Province.

Jim had a dry wit, a patient nature, a generous heart, a sharp mind, and a love of our Marist life and mission.

[Br. Seán Sammon]

May 15, 1960 Bro. Alphonse Sylvain Pellerin—Group of 1915, Age 61



Born in a small village in the Province of Quebec, Canada in 1899, Alphonse Sylvain entered the Juniorate in Poughkeepsie, New York. While a good student, his temperament did not take easily to the work of teaching. He found himself more at home serving the community doing maintenance work. He was assigned to Mount Saint Michael Academy in 1933 as Assistant Procurator, a position that he held

until his death in 1960.

While at the Mount he served alongside a team of men responsible for the repairs and renovations needed on such a large campus. Alphonse was known for his kindness to his brothers, as well as his coworkers and to the poor whom he helped with food and clothing. His personal possessions amounted to only what was absolutely needed. His biography does not mention his final illness but does record the fact that he passed away quietly after receiving Sunday communion.

[Provincial Biography - edited]

May 19, 1915 Bro. Peter Raphael Revollon—Group of 1891, Age 40



Born in France in 1875, Peter entered the novitiate at l'Hermitage when he was 15 years old; a year later he was invested with the habit. At began his apostolic work as a cook in France but soon moved on to assignment in Canada and later the U.S. From 1904 until 1912 he served at St. Ann's Academy and St. Jean the Baptiste School.

Later, while assigned as Director and Principal of St. Peter's in Poughkeepsie, he became ill and was taken to St. Francis Hospital; he died a few days later from typhoid pneumonia. He was buried on the campus of what is today Marist College. Described as a wonderful Director and Principal, he was loved and respected by all of his brothers. [Br. Leonard Voegtle notes - edited]

May 19, 1986 Bro. Stephen C. Martin Calvillo—Group of 1926, Age 86

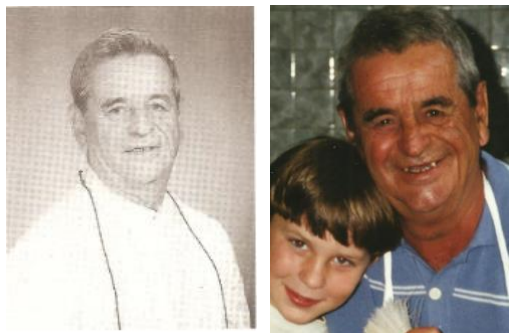


Academy in Laredo and later in Brownsville, Texas. After joining the former Province of Esopus, he taught at Opa Locka, Florida and later retired to the Marist residence on 89th Avenue in Miami.

Born in 1910, Stephen entered the Institute through the provinces of Spain. His ministry took him to places as varied as Mexico, Hong Kong, Cuba, and Spain. He was still a member of the Province of Mexico when he first came to teach at Saint Joseph's

[1986 Jubilee Booklet - edited]

May 19, 2001 Bro. Adolph Leo Labonte—Group of 1944. Age 75



Though Adolph was born in Tulsa Oklahoma on August 26, 1925, his family eventually moved to Manchester New Hampshire. He entered St. Joseph's Juniorate, Tyngsboro MA in 1940.

During the course of his apostolate, he served in Sarawak, China and Papua New Guinea from 1961 to 1986; in 1988 he joined the new mission in Liberia, West Africa.

Adolph saw himself a missionary and preferred places that were physically demanding. As he left for Liberia, he stated, "My heart is in the missions and I know that I am answering the call of our church in West Africa. Furthermore, our founder left us his legacy of mission concern." Poor health caused him to return to the U.S. in 1990. He took up residence at the retreat house in Esopus and served the community as its cook and in maintaining the house. His death from cancer came at Calvary Hospital in Bronx, New York.

[Province eulogy - edited]

May 20, 1944 Bro. Altin Wagner—Group of 1891, Age 70



The third of six children, Altin was born in Alsace region of France. Like his father, he became a farmer and only spoke German. Upon entering the brothers in Belgium, he took up the study of French. In 1895, four years after being invested in the habit, he was asked to go to England to study English.

About a year later Altin was on his way to the U.S. Province. Though skilled in languages, his academic training was weak and consequently he spent most of his time doing manual work. Paul Ambrose said of him, “This was a man of few words, quiet, kind and a diligent worker. He was destined to reflect the attitudes of Mary, ‘hidden and unknown’ and that is what he wanted. He was sub-Director and always happy not to be in the limelight. You rarely saw him and rarely heard him”.

Though his strength began to fail in 1940, he continued to be involved with construction work at Tyngsboro and Esopus. Pneumonia eventually weakened his heart to the point where he passed away. [Provincial Biography—edited]

May 20, 1992 Bro. William Lee—Group of 1946, Age 63



Bill was born in New York City in 1928, a year before the onset of the depression. He entered the Juniorate in 1942 at age 13. Bill served in many schools as a teacher, working in Manhattan and the Bronx. He then moved on to Lawrence, Massachusetts and Augusta, Georgia.

For four years he taught young performers in the Barnum & Baileys Circus in Florida. His final years were spent at Marist Chicago. Bill died suddenly while playing golf. His life calls forth the following words: thoughtful, intense, shocking, bright, dramatic and generous.

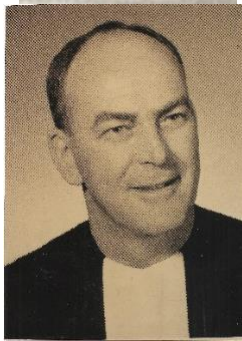
[Eulogy by Br. Seán Sammon - edited]

May 21, 1961 Bro. François Dorotheus Boyer—Group of 1898, Age 78



François, whose father was a carpenter, was born in Le Puy France. He entered the novitiate at l'Hermitage and in 1904 he later was a student in Iberville, Canada. In 1906 he spent a year teaching in Haverhill, Massachusetts after which he spent seven years in New York City. In 1913 he returned to his country of birth due to the French conscription laws. Unfortunately, from that point on his history appears to have been lost. [Province data card - edited]

May 21, 1968 Bro. Michael Kieran Kenny—Group of 1940, Age 46



Michael Kenny was born on February 17, 1922 in Lawrence MA, the only child of his parents. He entered St. Ann's Novitiate in Poughkeepsie in 1939 and taught subsequently at St. Ann's Academy and Mount Saint Michael Academy, Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, and at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Described by many as a great community man, Michael was known for his prayerfulness, warm personality and sense of humor. He passed away from a heart attack and the deleterious effects of a lifelong smoking habit while a teacher at Marist High School, Chicago Illinois. The library at Marist Chicago is named in his honor.

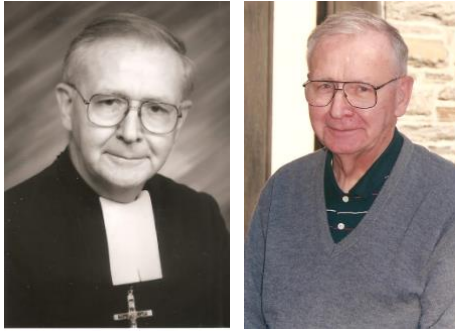
May 22, 1958 Bro. Sperat Joseph Beal—Group of 1902, Age 71



Sperat Joseph was born to a farming family in France on December 28th, 1886; he entered our Marist novitiate at L'Hermitage. For many years subsequently he taught school in Canada and the US; he also served the Province as a cook.

In 1903 Sperat Joseph taught in Lawrence, Massachusetts; he then returned to Montreal. He was teaching in Haverhill, Massachusetts when World War I broke out. In 1914 he returned to France in keeping with that country's conscription law and remained there from the end of the war until the time of his death. [Province data card—edited]

May 24, 2000 Bro. Lawrence Hanshumaker—Group of 1942, Age 75



Larry was born on August 30, 1924 in the Warwood section of Wheeling, West Virginia. He attended Central Catholic High School from 1938 to 1941 and upon graduation entered the novitiate in Poughkeepsie, New York.

His teaching career included stretches at Mount Saint Michael Academy, Cardinal Hayes High School, St. Ann's Academy, the Juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, and Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois.

Larry earned a BS in Education from Fordham and an MS from St. John's University. Passionate as a young man, he mellowed with the passing of time. This kind and gentle man died unexpectedly following a fall down a flight of stairs after dinner at the Hamilton Street brother's residence for Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, New York. His fall gave rise to massive brain damage; he died at Vassar Hospital soon afterwards. [Province notes & Stories – edited]

May 25, 1984 Bro. William Menn—Group of 1920, Age 80



Bill taught modern languages and served as Athletic Director at St Joseph's Academy, Brownsville, Texas for 35 years. He also taught French, but one of five languages that he spoke fluently, at Brownsville and Hanna high schools for 8 years.

A native of Mexico, Bill moved to Brownsville to escape religious persecution during the Mexican Revolution. His nephew, Arceo Mendez, was the Catholic bishop of Cuernavaca. During his later years, he lived at the Elizabeth Street community in Brownsville, Texas.

Bill suffered from diabetes. One Monday he went shopping. When he did not return for lunch, a meal he never missed due to his diabetes, the brothers reported him missing. The following Saturday while sheriff's deputies were searching for two missing children, they came across Bill's body about twenty miles outside of town. Not known as a great driver, he apparently became disoriented and took a side road where his car got stuck in the mud. The authorities believe that he had been trying to push the car out of the mud and while doing so accidentally locked his keys in the vehicle.

[Local Newspaper's account - edited]

May 26, 1955 Bro. Andre Celestin Thiollier—Group of 1903, Age 78

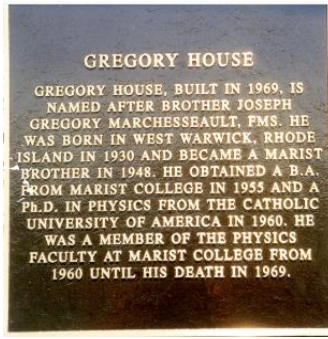


Though invested in the habit at l'Hermitage in 1903, the French anticlerical laws of the day forced Andre to leave his native land and continue his novitiate in Belgium. He began teaching in that country in 1907.

Andre came to the U.S. and Lowell, Massachusetts in 1914. Over the course of the next 23 years he taught in Lawrence and Haverhill, Massachusetts, Savannah, Georgia, and at St. Agnes Boys High School in New York City and St. Peter's School in Poughkeepsie. Following his last appointment to Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1937, he returned to France where he died.

[Province data card - edited]

May 26, 1969 Bro. Joseph Gregory Marchessault—Group of 1948, Age 38



Joseph Gregory was a lifelong student and teacher. Following his graduation from Marist College, Poughkeepsie New York, he was assigned to teach at St. Helena High School in the Bronx. In 1957 he began

studies at Catholic University of America for a doctorate in Physics. Upon receiving that degree, he spent the rest of his life as a member of the Physics department at Marist College.

During a routine dental exam, cancer was detected in his lower jaw. With great courage and resignation he died shortly afterwards at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx.

Joseph Gregory was always a humble and unassuming man who spent himself for others. Following his death a student residence at Marist College was named in his honor. That building was razed to make way for construction of the Hancock Center.

[Marist Brother's Directory - edited]

May 26, 2018 Bro William Lambert – Group of 1957, Age 79



where he was head altar boy, head patrol leaders, and Scribe for Boy Scout Troop number 59.

Bill went on to attend Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. After two years there, he entered the Juniorate at Marist Preparatory in Esopus, New York.

In 1956, Bill moved to Saint Joseph's Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts. He pronounced his first vows in 1958 and went on to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree at Marist College. He then returned to the novitiate where he served as cook during the 1961-1962 academic year.

Bill's first teaching assignment was at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. In 1965 he became the Province's youngest principal, serving in that position at Wheeling's Central Catholic until 1971. During that period, he also earned a Master's degree in Educational Administration from West Virginia University.

His next assignment was as a guidance counselor at Central Catholic in Lawrence, Massachusetts. In 1972, he was appointed principal there during a crucial time in the school's history. Over the next six years, he worked tirelessly to build up enrollment and to put the school on a firm financial footing. Many people said that his efforts ensured that the school and its mission could move ahead.

Following his years in Lawrence, Bill moved to the School Office for the Archdiocese of Boston and served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. At the same time, he earned his PhD in Educational Administration from Boston College. Bill eventually served on the faculty at BC as a teacher and mentor to students. He is credited with founding the First Year Experience Program; his students referred to him simply and affectionately as "BRODOC."

Over his 61 years as a Marist Brother and educator, Bill was an innovator. He was instrumental in introducing Boards of Directors at many Marist High Schools and he served on many boards himself including one at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. He was a strong advocate of co-education, a movement that stirred a considerable controversy in its early days.

During his active years, Bill always moved at a fast pace, earning him still another title: "Ricky Rockets." The steady progression of his Parkinson's Disease eventually forced him to slow down. His legacy continues to be visible in the lives of the students he taught and at the institutions where he played such a prominent and lasting role. (Br. Rene Roy – edited)

May 27, 2015 Brother Richard Sharpe—Group of 1966, Age 67



Born on September 17th, 1947 to Frank Sharpe and Mayme Barna, Richard graduated from Central Catholic High School, Wheeling, West Virginia in June of 1965 and entered our Marist Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts in the

Fall of that year.

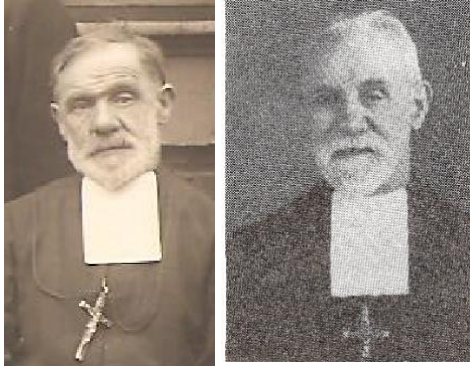
From 1970 until 1976 he taught at Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois; in 1975 he earned an MA in Government and American History. Richard went on to become principal at Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg Pennsylvania and after serving as Assistant Principal at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, he became Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Subsequently, he served as Principal at Saint Joseph's Academy in Brownsville, Texas and worked marvels in putting the school on more stable financial footing.

Throughout his life, Richard suffered from several serious health problems. While serving as Principal in Ebensburg he had a heart attack and for many years had to deal with a serious digestive track problem. He underwent three surgeries in an attempt to deal with the latter problem; unfortunately, he did not survive the third intervention.

An excellent administrator, Richard was also a loving person. He enjoyed cooking and was known to maintain a clean and tidy kitchen! A wonderful host, graced with a wicked sense of humor, he mellowed as he advanced in years. [Eulogy edited—Br. Ben Consigli]

May 28, 1951 Bro. Marcellin Louis Delaarme—Group of 1893, Age 85



Born in the village of Saint Etienne in the Loire Valley of France on November 16, 1865, Marcellin entered the novitiate at Saint Paul-Trois-Chateaux in 1893. He took his first vows in 1895 and during the same year left France for the U.S.

Marcellin went on to teach in both Canada and the States, being assigned at times to communities in Lowell and Lawrence, Massachusetts. He also served as Master of Scholastics in Canada and as an infirmarian in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts from 1930 to 1935. Illness of his own caused him to enter the Infirmary in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1935.

[Provincial eulogy - edited]

May 28, 1956 Bro. Louis Sanctus Fuzet—Group of 1901, Age 71



Louis Sanctus carried his name well; he was a humble Marist saint. While assigned to the community in Poughkeepsie, he was given responsibility for the community's horse and went daily with the horse and buggy to the Jesuit's St. Andrew's novitiate to fetch the chaplain for Mass. At the same time, he would pick up a chaplain for the Sisters at St. Francis Hospital, located across the street from what is today Marist College.

Retiring to Esopus, he busied himself with caring for the fruit trees on the property and weeding the various rows of vegetables. He passed away one day while at work in his garden and was found bent over a row of vegetables that he had been weeding.

[Br. Paul Ambrose]

May 29, 1929 Bro. Marie Cephas Chabanel—Group of 1877, Age 71



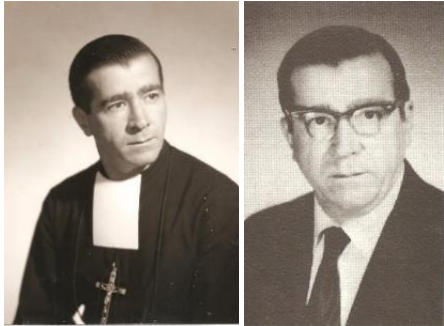
Born in France, Marie Cephas was invested in the Marist habit at l'Hermitage. After several short assignments, he left France for Canada where he arrived in 1888. Eight years later he was assigned to St. Ann's Academy in New York City and remained there for the next seventeen years. In many of his assignments he held positions of responsibility including service as community Director, school Principal, and

Econome.

A classmate of Zephiriny, he was appointed Provincial Econome when Zephiriny became Provincial. Serving also as an advisor to the Provincial, Marie Cephas eventually became Zephiriny's right hand man. The two were referred to as "the happy couple." At age 65, he retired to the infirmary in Poughkeepsie where he died in his sleep six years later.

[Bros. Leonard Voegtler and Paul Ambrose notes - edited]

May 29, 1993 Bro. Linus Eugene Carroll—Group of 1945, Age 66



‘Spud,’ as everyone knew him, at first wanted to enter the Irish Christian Brothers but his mother refused. Then he went to Cardinal Hayes High School where he met the Marist Brothers; in 1943 he entered the Juniorate and a year later moved on to the novitiate.

Linus received his MA in mathematics from Columbia University and taught at Cardinal Hayes High School, Bishop Dubois High School, and Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie.

While he served as a coach in basketball and baseball, he will forever be remembered for his work with track teams. An inductee of the Catholic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, Spud’s runners admired and loved him and he loved them in return.

Long before individual cars became commonplace, Spud was famous for driving his 1952 Studebaker—a gift from his sister—which he kept garaged at the house in Bell Port, Long Island. [Eulogy by Bro. Patrick McNamara - edited]

May 31, 1915 Bro. Namese Barbier—Group of 1888, Age 44



Born in St. Maurice, Loire, France in 1871, Namese entered the novitiate at l'Hermitage. In keeping with the custom of the times, he cooked the following year and then made his vow of obedience.

Namese came eventually to Canada and taught also at St. Anne's School in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1896. During subsequent years, he was assigned as a teacher or Director/Principal in places such as Lowell and Haverhill, Massachusetts, New York City, and several locations in Canada.

He moved to Manchester in 1914 where he died a year later after slipping into a diabetic coma. The Provincial brought his remains to the brothers' cemetery in Poughkeepsie, New York, now Marist College, where he is buried.