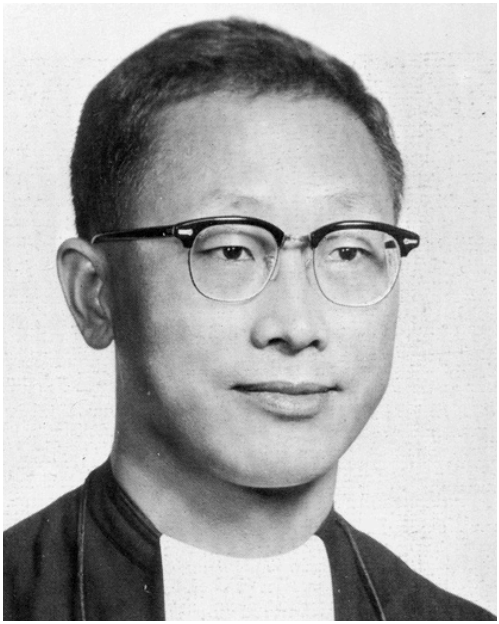


In Loving Memory

Br. Stephen Bosco Wang, FMS

DECEMBER 26, 1927 - OCTOBER 27, 2026



Celebrating the Life of

Br. Stephen Bosco Wang

1927 - 2026

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

— Saint Marcellin Champagnat, Spiritual Testament, May 18, 1840

Marist Life at a Glance

Born:	December 26, 1927 • Beijing, China
Entered Marist Formation:	1947 • Beijing, China
Received the Marist Habit:	August 5, 1948 • Beijing, China
First Profession:	August 5, 1949 • Macao, China
Bachelor's Degree:	1953 • English
Final Profession:	1954 • Esopus, NY
Graduate Degrees:	1969, NYU • 1973, University of Arizona • 1976, NYU
Vow of Stability:	2002 • Notre Dame de l'Hermitage, France
Died:	October 27, 2026 • Red Bank, NJ
Years of Marist Religious Life:	In his 79th year



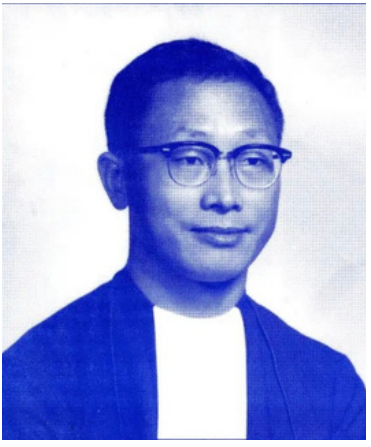
The Life of Br. Stephen Bosco Wang, FMS

A Vocation Takes Root

Brother Stephen Bosco Wang was born in Beijing, China, on December 26, 1927, to Andrew Wang and Mary Chang. He entered the Marist Brothers in 1947 and received the Marist habit in Beijing on August 5, 1948, during a period of great upheaval in China.

In his firsthand account, “Memorandums,” Br. Stephen recalled the dangers of the Chinese Civil War and the difficult journey undertaken by the young Marists as they sought safety. His recollections reveal the faith that sustained him during those uncertain years.

Br. Stephen made his first profession of vows in Macao on August 5, 1949. Shortly afterward, he left China and continued his formation at the Marist Scholasticate in Poughkeepsie, New York. He completed a bachelor's degree in English in 1953 and made his final profession of vows at Esopus in 1954.



“I thank God for His presence throughout my life and for His care for my fragility.”

— Br. Stephen Bosco Wang, FMS
Golden Jubilee Reflection, 1998

Those early experiences remained an important part of his Marist story, shaping a vocation that would lead him to decades of service in Catholic education.

A Vocation Lived in Education



Br. Stephen (second from left) with fellow jubilarians during the 2008 Marist Brothers celebration.



Enjoying a reception with fellow Marists at the Esopus Mansion.

Br. Stephen began his teaching ministry in 1954 at St. Francis Xavier College in Hong Kong, where he taught mathematics and science until 1961. He then served at Catholic High School in Sibu, Sarawak, from 1961 to 1965.

In 1965, he returned to the United States and taught mathematics at Christ the King High School in Middle Village, New York. From 1969 to 1977, he taught chemistry at Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey.

In 1977, Br. Stephen began 25 years of service at Cathedral High School in Boston, Massachusetts, where he taught calculus until 2002.

Throughout his teaching career, he continued his own education, earning a master's degree in School Administration from New York University in 1969, a master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Arizona in 1973, and a doctorate in School Administration from NYU in 1976.

In 2003, he joined the Molloy Community in Briarwood, New York. There, he volunteered as a mathematics tutor and served for many years as Community Leader.

The Stories He Carried

Br. Stephen's experiences in China remained an important part of his story. In his account of the events surrounding his departure from Beijing in 1949, he recalled the dangers of civil war and the difficult journey undertaken by the young Marists as they sought safety.

Decades later, Br. Stephen returned to Beijing to visit relatives and reconnect with fellow Marist Brothers. An account preserved in the Province archives documents the visit, offering a glimpse of the enduring Marist presence in China and the connections maintained across generations.

His own journey had taken him far from Beijing. Yet his writings reveal a lasting connection to the country where his Marist vocation began.

In 2024, Br. Stephen moved to Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, where he spent his final years among his fellow Brothers.



During celebrations surrounding the canonization of St. Marcellin Champagnat in Rome, 1999.

He died on October 27, 2026, at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey, at the age of 98. We remember with gratitude his nearly eight decades of Marist religious life and his faithful commitment to education.

A Life Shared With Others



Br. Stephen Bosco Wang (far right) pictured with fellow Marist Brothers during a community gathering.



Br. Stephen Bosco Wang (standing) celebrating his 60th jubilee in 2008 with a fellow Marist Brother.



Br. Stephen Bosco Wang (far right) with fellow Marist Brothers at the 2003 Convocation at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL INFORMATION

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, October 30, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Mount Saint Michael Academy
4300 Murdock Avenue
Bronx, New York 10466

The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed via Zoom.

BURIAL

Saturday, October 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Marist Brothers Center at Esopus
1455 Broadway
Esopus, NY 12429

Let us continue to hold all who mourn Br. Stephen's loss in our prayers.

May the angels lead him into paradise.