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Death Notice No. 4 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Region of Japan, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **KIYOMU JEAN MAEDA**, of the Chaminade Marianist Community (Tokyo), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 22, 2009 in Tokyo, Japan, in the 96th year of his age and the 78th year of his religious profession.

Bro. Maeda was born on the island of Hirado, some 130 kilometers north of the city of Nagasaki, on March 12, 1914, the year which marked the beginning of World War I. He entered St. Mary's Institute, the Apostolic School in Urakami, in April of 1926 as an Aspirant. He professed first vows there in March of 1931. He later professed his perpetual vows in Tokyo on July, 27, 1936 and lived for seventy-seven years as a Marianist religious.

Looking back over his extended personal history, the most outstanding fact was that, except for short teaching assignments in other Marianist schools (Kaisei in Nagasaki, Taisei in Fukuoka), for his year of military service spent within Japan itself, for the three years he spent in the United States (one year in the second novitiate in Glencoe, Missouri, followed by one year at Chaminade High School in Mineola, and then in the early 1980's one year at Alumni Hall in Dayton), and naturally his three years earlier in the scholasticate, the greater part of his life was spent as a member of the Meisei religious community in Osaka and in ministry at Osaka Meisei School. He labored for some thirty-three years at Meisei – as an English teacher, as Principal, as Chief Director (President), and then upon official retirement, as caretaker for the school's off-campus facility at Mt. Shigi, east of the city of Osaka.

Bro. Maeda carried out his mission as a Marianist educator with a very rich and deep emotional life hidden within. From time to time former students who had graduated from Meisei School over 50 years ago would come to visit him in the health-care facility at Chaminade in Tokyo. One got a real sense from seeing the ties between these graduates and Brother that his unique amiability enabled him to develop very deep personal relationships with those who had more than just superficial interactions with him.

He moved from Osaka to Tokyo for the final three years of his life. At Chaminade he strove to do whatever little things he could do to be of service to his Brothers in community and to prepare for his final journey to be with the Lord. Until just a few weeks before his death, he prayed and took his meals with the community.