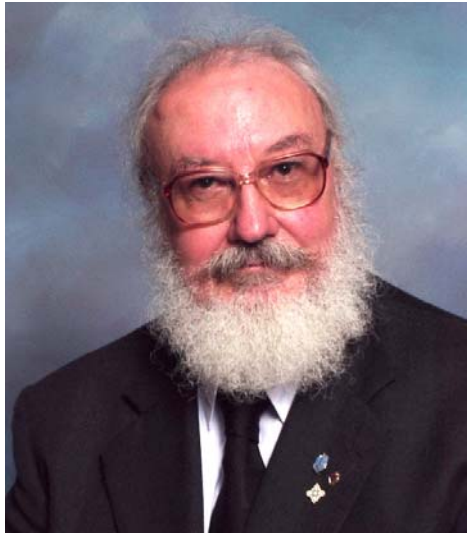


**Bro. Louis Mason, S.M.
50 years of profession**



Louis Tilden Mason was born April 7, 1933, in Manhattan, to James and Beulah (Jordan) Mason. His father, by profession a practical nurse, was truly a person of many talents: a gourmet chef, an electrician, a construction engineer. His mother graduated from the Houston School of Nursing with a registered nurse degree in 1928.

After finishing high school at Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and became a hospital corpsman, assigned overseas to the Philippine Islands attached to the Seabees.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge, Louis entered San Antonio College to begin his physics degree (under the GI Bill), which he did finally receive from St. Mary's University in 1957.

In 1958, Louis entered the novitiate at Galesville, Wis., and a year later was admitted to the Society of Mary after taking first vows in 1959. He then entered the Marianist scholasticate in San Antonio. After two years of scholasticate formation, Bro. Louis began his secondary teaching career at Don Bosco High School in Milwaukee, under the leadership of Bro. Dan Sharpe. His subsequent assignments were in St. Mary's High School, St. Louis; St. Joseph High School, Victoria, Texas; and again back to St. Mary's High School. After a short pause in secondary school teaching, during which Bro. Louis was engaged in retreat work in Galesville and Eureka, Mo., Bro. Louis began his last high school teaching assignment, teaching minor mathematics courses, calculus, and computer programming at St. John Vianney High School in Kirkwood, Mo.

By 1999 he retired from teaching and was assigned to the Marianist Residence at St. Mary's University.

Bro. Louis was chosen as a Physics Teacher of the Year in Texas in 1973, and he was awarded the Golden Key in the Sigma Pi Sigma National Honor Society in Physics from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1974.

When asked his about his religious vocation as a Marianist, Bro. Louis would respond: "I love the contemplative atmosphere of being an active member within the Society of

Mary. I believe this was an ideal of Fr. Chaminade.”