

Bro. Leo Slay, S.M.
60 years of profession



Having come from a family that has been involved in the restaurant business since 1911, Bro. Leo Slay has been actively engaged in food service in the Society of Mary since 1949. Besides being called upon as a consultant for all types of food service operations over the years, Bro. Leo also has organized and directed numerous culinary institutes and workshops. For 60 years, he served as a food service director at Marianist schools.

In 1970, Bro. Leo was chosen as St. Louis Food Service Executive of the year. In 1972, he received the Missouri Restaurant Association's Professional Operator's Award. In 1974, he was selected as the St. Louis Restaurant Association's Man of the Year. In 1992, he was voted into the Missouri Restaurant Associations' Food Service Hall of Fame, and he received the Chef Dubois Chen award from the Chef de Cuisine Association. In 1994, he received the St. Raymond's Maronite Church's annual Cedars Award. In 1995, he was chosen as director of the year of the St. Louis Restaurant Association's board.

On six different occasions, Bro. Leo was chosen to travel to armed services bases and ships in various parts of the country and overseas in order to evaluate food service in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Since 1962, he has been a member of the board of directors of the St. Louis Community College's Hotel and Restaurant Technology Department.

Bro. Leo is currently serving as food service consultant to several institutions and directing Metro Food Service Co-Op, which he founded in 1965. Bro. Leo is also working with Operation Food Search and Share Our Strength – Taste of the Nation to procure food and funds for those in need.