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**Death Notice No. 6 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the France, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOSEPH ULRICH**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 7, 2008 in Issenheim, France, in the 95<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 79<sup>th</sup> year of his religious profession.

Born July 6, 1913, just soon enough to hear the sounds of cannon fire and to remember many details of World War I, the strong emotions of that unhappy time left their mark on him from the beginning. Nevertheless, he made a normal novitiate from September 11, 1928, to September 12, 1929, and professed his first vows on September 19, 1929, at Saint Remy.

His professional education was limited to the Elementary Certificate. Because of an unrecognized qualification and a rather amazing compromise between the Directorate of Catholic Education and special legislation concerning "Saharan teachers," his military service lasted only one year.

Upon release from military service, he was sent as a teacher to schools in Joeuf in 1940, then at the Rue Pétreille in Paris in 1948, then at Clisson in 1956, and finally in Quimperlé in 1957.

Upon retirement, he returned to his native region of Alsace.

What can we take from the memory of this Marianist who demonstrated the basic qualities of a teacher, the essential qualities of a good religious and the fundamental qualities for community life?

Among these qualities was a pedagogy based on family spirit, firmness and discipline united to the know-how of a highly motivated pedagogical team.

Brother Joseph ULRICH was of the generation of teachers who dressed impeccably, allowing himself neither absenteeism nor the spirit of 1968. He was highly respected by his students and was never the type to work just to seek honors or a degree.

His devotion: Joseph ULRICH was a religious of the type formerly known as a very good religious, a man of perfect regularity and punctuality. Sometimes in prayer he might nod off or

sin by excess, as in taking as much time to recite five decades of the Rosary as it might have taken to say all fifteen, even with more or less mixed groups.

An extensive correspondence occupied part of his leisure time.

Life with his Brothers was always marked by kindness and constant consideration of others. He excelled in teaching English.

His quiet, even scrupulous character gave him the air of a hermit just out of the woods, albeit genuinely enthusiastic in his teaching and in his conversation. Full of good sense, with a piety of his time, he leaves behind the memory of a religious who was, if not austere, at least distinguished and faithful.

Although borne with patience, his final illness was a trial, but one in which he was helped by the kindness of the Sisters of Saint Anthony House, whom we thank with all our hearts.