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Death Notice No. 22 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JAMES DODS**, of the Center Marianist Community (Honolulu), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 25, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, at the age of 72 with 52 years of religious profession.

“My favorite college counselor: Thank you for being so kind and caring toward everyone. Thank you for helping me pave the path for the rest of my life. I want you to know you’ve truly made a difference in my life and showed me the meaning of family spirit. Your kindness and love for people cannot be beat. Thanks for having an impact on my life.”

A student wrote and hand-delivered this note to Bro. Jim in his final days. This student was not alone in his appreciation for Bro. Jim, who made an impact on thousands during his career as a Catholic educator.

James, who went by Jim, was born on February 10, 1939, to Chester and Genevieve (May) in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He has two brothers and one sister.

Jim first met the Marianists at Saint Louis School and decided to enter the novitiate after a Marianist retreat. Jim professed first vows on August 15, 1958, at the novitiate in Santa Cruz, California.

Bro. José Degorio met Jim at the novitiate and recalls how much he loved his family, and what great memories he had of them.

“He was a kind person,” Bro. José said. “He was very thoughtful of others.”

Bro. Jim began his college studies at St. Mary’s College in Moraga, California, and earned a bachelor’s degree at Chaminade College, now Chaminade University of Honolulu, in 1962. He then taught at Junipero Serra High School in Gardena, California, and Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, California. Bro. Jim professed perpetual vows on August 18, 1963.

An interest in other cultures led Bro. Jim to Yokohama, Japan, in 1964, where he would spend six years as an English teacher, counselor and administrator. He returned to California in 1970 to

spend 15 years serving at Archbishop Riordan and work on his master's degree in education, which he completed in 1973.

Fr. Tim Eden first met Bro. Jim in San Francisco in the early 1970s. Fr. Tim remembers him as someone who gave 100 percent to everything he did and took his community responsibilities seriously. If Bro. Jim was in charge of cleaning a guest room, "you could eat food off the floor," Fr. Tim said.

"He was very devoted to the Society of Mary, and took brotherhood seriously," Fr. Tim said. "He was a pleasure to live with."

During his 15 years at Archbishop Riordan, Bro. Jim served as a teacher, guidance director and academic dean. He also coordinated the California Scholarship Federation program for San Francisco District schools.

From 1985 until 1987, Bro. Jim served as a teacher and administrator at De Sales Junior-Senior High School in Walla Walla, Washington. He then spent 13 years as principal of St. Anthony Junior Senior High School in Maui, Hawai'i. Bro. Jim very much enjoyed his time at Saint Anthony and said he loved its students and faculty.

Bro. Jim took a sabbatical in 2000 at the Sangre de Cristo Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Bro. José said Bro. Jim was proud of the time he spent there and said it had a large impact on his spiritual life.

From 2001 until 2004, Bro. Jim served as an interim principal of Riordan High School in San Francisco, California. He was assigned to Saint Louis School in 2004 to assist as a college and scholarship advisor.

"Saint Louis meant everything to Bro. Jim," Bro. José said. "It was his alma mater. He loved going to all the sporting events. He loved the kids."

Bro. Jim would spend hours writing letters of recommendation for the students. He took this very seriously and wrote a personal letter about each student. Fr. Tim noted Bro. Jim often kept up acquaintances with students long after they graduated, and "it seemed to be more than just Christmas greetings."

"He was totally dedicated to his students," Bro. Tom Payne said.

May he rest in peace.