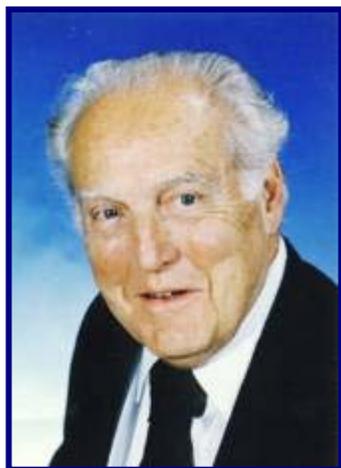


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**Death Notice No. 26 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PAUL GOELZ**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 27, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas, in the 93<sup>rd</sup> year of his age and the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his religious profession.

Bro. Paul C. Goelz, S.M., Ph.D., a professed member of the Society of Mary (Marianists) for 67 years, died on Sept. 27, 2007, at the age of 92. Bro. Paul passed away at the Marianist Residence at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, where he spent more than 55 years in the classroom teaching business to thousands of students until his retirement in 2001.

Bro. Paul was born on Oct. 7, 1914, in Bartelso, Illinois, one of 13 children of Peter and Clara (Bross) Goelz and the first-born of twins. He attended school in East St. Louis, first at St. Regis School and then at Central Catholic High School. It was as a layman that he entered Saint Louis University to study accounting and finance. After earning his associate's degree, he worked in a variety of jobs, including in the shoe, oil equipment and automotive industries. While working as an auditor at General Motors in St. Louis, Bro. Paul answered his call to religious life.

Bro. Paul entered the novitiate of the Society of Mary in Galesville, Wisconsin, on Aug. 23, 1940. He professed first vows in 1941 at Galesville and entered the scholasticate at Maryhurst in Kirkwood, Missouri. Bro. Paul earned a bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in education from the University of Dayton in 1943 and 1946, respectively. He began his teaching career in 1944 at Southside Catholic High School in St. Louis. In 1945, he professed perpetual vows at Galesville.

Bro. Paul's lifelong love for St. Mary's University began in 1946, when he was summoned to help Bro. George Kohnen, SM, Ph.D., build a top-notch business school. In 1950, he enrolled at Northwestern University in Chicago where he earned a master's degree in marketing and a doctorate in economics. He returned to St. Mary's in 1953, where he remained until his death.

"Bro. Goelz's faithful vision helped to establish the foundations of the modern business school at St. Mary's," said St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D. Bro. Paul served as the business school's second dean from 1962 to 1977. During his tenure, he initiated "Business Week", designed the entrepreneur curriculum (today a degree program in entrepreneurial studies) and established a free enterprise lecture series that attracted former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan to speak, among others.

Other leadership roles he embraced at St. Mary's University included chair of the marketing department, director of the Bureau of Economic Research, treasurer of the Marianist community, the Myra Stafford Pryor Professor of Free Enterprise, and from 1981 until his retirement, director of the Algur H. Meadows

Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. He also was instrumental in securing a multimillion dollar gift that built the Albert B. Alkek Business Center.

Melba Fisher, who worked at St. Mary's with Bro. Paul for 41 years, remembers his passionate advocacy for strong academic leadership and for teaching the essentials of free enterprise to students. "He ardently believed free enterprise was the foundation of financial success and, more importantly, the foundation for justice. He believed it encouraged successful people to give back to their communities, the nation and the world community," said Fisher.

Bro. Paul's reach and influence beyond St. Mary's took many forms. In 1987 he established the Forum on Entrepreneurship for the continuing education of area businessmen and women. The following year he was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Institute of American Entrepreneurs.

Over his impressive career, he was awarded dozens of prestigious honors, including the George Washington Honor Medal for contributions to economic education and the Ford Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was a prolific publisher and editor of articles, pamphlets and books, including numerous tomes on free enterprise and its impact on the world. In 1998 his comprehensive history of the St. Mary's University School of Business and Administration, today known as the Bill Greehey School of Business, was published and serves as a rich reference for students and historians alike.

Bro. Paul was a founding member of the Association of Private Enterprise Education and for many years served as a director of the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business (AACSB). Accreditation of St. Mary's business school by the AACSB was a longtime goal of Bro. Paul's. His goal was realized in 1997 when the school received this prestigious recognition, making it the only Catholic business school in Texas so honored and among the one-third of business schools accredited in the United States.

Even though Bro. Paul's travels took him around the world – he taught both in Russia and the Ukraine – and although he was at home rubbing elbows with national, corporate and community leaders, it was his vocation that he found most satisfying. He often observed that the most important thing he had learned was the value of the ascetical life. "I'd rather spend two weeks in a Trappist Monastery than take a vacation," he said. When, after all of the accolades and praise, he was asked what made him most proud his answer was simple: "Being a Marianist."

May he rest in peace.