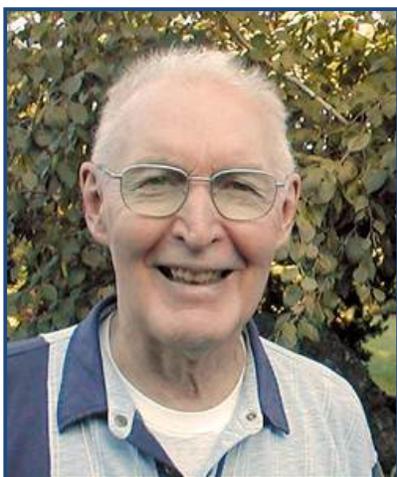


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**Death Notice No. 6 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOHN McENHILL**, priest of the Cupertino Marianist Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 22, 2012, in Cupertino, California, USA, at the age of 83 with 64 years of religious profession.

During his time as a Marianist, Fr. John served in many roles: high school teacher, counselor, principal, psychologist, seminary rector, retreat house staff member and aspirancy director.

John was born to John and Elizabeth (Moran) McEnhill on June 18, 1928, in San Francisco, California. He had two brothers and three sisters. He met the Marianists at St. Joseph's High School in Alameda, California, and entered the novitiate in Beacon, New York, after graduation in 1946. John professed first vows on August 17, 1947.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in 1950, John began a long career at Marianist schools. He taught at Saint Louis School in Honolulu, Hawai'i, from 1950 until 1952. The following year, Fr. John was among the first Marianists to teach at Chaminade High School, which is now located in West Hills, California. At the time, it was located in Canoga Park, California.

John professed perpetual vows in San Francisco on July 26, 1953. Discerning a call to the priesthood, John studied at the seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, and was ordained on July 22, 1956.

Between 1957 and 1963, Fr. John taught at three schools in California: Archbishop Riordan in San Francisco, St. Joseph's, his alma mater, and at the Marianist Scholasticate in Santa Cruz. After serving one year at Saint Louis High School, Fr. John returned to Chaminade, where he worked as an administrator for five years.

He kept in close contact with friends and family, including his siblings and 17 nieces and nephews.

Fr. John earned a master's degree in school administration from the University of San Francisco in 1970, and then served as an administrator at Archbishop Riordan for six years. He returned to Chaminade in 1976, where he would serve as a teacher and chaplain until 1991. During this time, Fr. John earned master's degrees in counseling and education psychology and a Ph.D. in psychology. He joined the Serra Associates, a group of mental health professionals who served religious in the Los Angeles area.

“John was an excellent counselor because he was so transparent with people about his own journey and struggles,” said Bro. Stephen Glodek, former Marianist provincial. “The troubled and the marginalized found in him the compassionate and understanding heart of Jesus.”

“He worked with many people who were really hurting,” said Fr. Dave Schuyler. “That shows the kind of man he was.”

After a year working at the Marianist retreat house in Cupertino, California, Fr. John served the former Pacific Province as assistant for religious life between 1992 and 1997. He then spent three years as rector at the Society of Mary’s seminary in Oakland, California. Before retiring in 2005 to the Marianist Residence in Cupertino, California, Fr. John served the Marianists’ Vocation Office for four years.

Bro. Vince Wayer lived with Fr. John at Cupertino for the past decade. He recalls a gentle man who was an excellent listener. While Fr. John had a friendly spirit, Bro. Vince also recognized an inner strength that propelled him to lead a productive life while suffering with cancer for many years. Fr. John would travel daily to the pharmacy and the post office for his brothers at Cupertino.

“Helping people was part of his daily life,” Bro. Vince said. “I’m sure at times that wasn’t easy for him, but he did it.”

Fr. John also fought a lifelong battle with asthma and suffered severe back pain from a swimming accident as a child. Fr. William O’Connell, who met Fr. John when they both attended St. Joseph’s High School, said people did not realize how much he suffered – because Fr. John never let anyone know.

“He was a persevering man,” Fr. William said. “I can’t think of a single time he complained.”

In his later years, Fr. John attended the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, where inquirers and Marianists were impressed with his intelligence and gift for conversation. Bro. Jim Wisecaver said Fr. John enjoyed meeting young men interested in the order and was helpful on discernment retreats. The vocations office respected his insights and opinions of the candidates, Bro. Jim said.

“I am very grateful to the brothers I lived with and worked with over the years,” Fr. John said at his 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee. “Their support and example helped me over the good times and bad times.”

May he rest in peace.