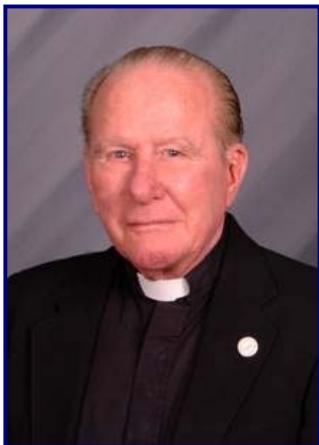


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Death Notice No. 7 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **THOMAS HOGAN**, priest of the Cupertino Marianist Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 28, 2010 in Cupertino, California, USA, in the 93rd year of his age and the 73rd year of his religious profession.

Thomas was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 25, 1918, the oldest of five children of Thomas and Margaret (McCaffrey) Hogan. He attended Christ the King grade school in Cleveland and grew to admire the Marianists during his four years of high school at Cathedral Latin in Cleveland. Thomas said an inspired talk given by one of the Marianists sealed his future. “He spoke with such fervor and enthusiasm of his vocation as a Brother of Mary that I thought that this, too, must be my life,” he said.

In 1936, Thomas entered the novitiate of the Society of Mary in Dayton. He professed first vows in 1937 and perpetual vows in 1942 in Dayton.

Thomas attended the University of Dayton and graduated in 1940 with a bachelor’s degree in education and minors in history and philosophy. He received a master’s degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1944. Thomas also earned a master’s degree in theology in 1972 from the University of San Francisco.

He began his ministry in 1940 serving as a social studies teacher at North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh. During his four years at North Catholic he moderated sodality and the school paper. In 1944, Bro. Thomas was accepted into the Marianist seminary program at St. Meinrad in Indiana where he was ordained in 1946.

After his ordination, Fr. Thomas ministered for the next several years at Marianist schools in Hawai’i and California. He spent one year (1947-1948) as a teacher and chaplain at Saint Louis High School in Honolulu before becoming principal of St. Joseph High School in Hilo, Hawai’i. At St. Joseph, he also taught religion and social studies. In 1951, he moved to St. Joseph High School in Alameda, California, and was principal and taught religion and social studies for six years (1951-1957).

He returned to Saint Louis High School in Honolulu for a one-year stint (1957-1958) and then began what would become more than two decades (1958-1981) at Chaminade College (now University) of Honolulu. During his tenure at Chaminade, Fr. Thomas was a theology professor and department chair, chaplain and dean of students. In 1973, he was elected president of the Saint Louis-Chaminade Education Center Corporation, the highest governing board of the Saint Louis-Chaminade education complex. He took a two-year break from his duties at Chaminade (1962-1964) to serve as assistant pastor at Holy Family Parish in Honolulu.

Fr. Ted Ley considers the course Fr. Thomas taught on theodicy (the knowledge of God from reason alone) at Chaminade College as one of his all-time favorites. “I believe we learned theodicy well, but we also learned about the thinking of Thomas Aquinas, how to reason, how to problem solve,” said Fr. Ted. “This transferred to other fields, including music education, my major. His matter-of-fact, workaday graciousness also taught me that it’s humility that gets things done.”

Years later when Fr. Ted received his first assignment as a priest at Saint Louis School in Honolulu, Fr. Thomas was there to welcome him. “I had been tipped off that others had been asked to take the job but were unavailable,” said Fr. Ted. “From the welcome I received from Fr. Thomas, you would have thought just the opposite. He went out of his way to make me feel at home.”

Fr. Thomas loved the Hawaiian sun and was an avid golfer. Bro. Bill Farrell, who lived in community with Fr. Thomas in Honolulu, remembers how he would enjoy the warm sun from the community’s roof. “Tom Hogan was a strong person who knew his mind,” said Bro. Bill. “He was a good community man and priest.”

After retiring from Chaminade in 1981, Fr. Thomas returned to his parish ministry at Holy Family, where he served as pastor until 1986. He was then assigned to St. Anthony Parish in Wailuku on Maui and was assistant pastor until 1997.

Fr. Thomas joined the Marianist community in West Hills, California, in 1997. Fr. Ted, who also was at West Hills, remembers that Fr. Thomas, though frail, was determined to attend the final gathering in Kona, Hawai’i, of the Pacific Province, of which he was a founder. In 2002, he also attended the first assembly of the new Province of the United States. “He saw many changes in the Church, society and Society of Mary,” said Fr. Ted. “His assignments were usually as troubleshooter, including four times as superior of a community about to be closed.”

In 2004, Fr. Thomas moved to the Marianist Health Care Center in Cupertino. Fr. Ted remembers his last conversation with the ailing Fr. Thomas as short but meaningful. “He always preferred quality over quantity,” said Fr. Ted. “May he now enjoy quality that never ebbs, full reward for his perseverance as administrator, superior, troubleshooter, founder, educator and teacher of theology.”

May he rest in peace.