

BRO. LOUIS ERNST

Celebrating 60 years of profession

Bro. Louis Ernst was born Oct. 2, 1935, in St. Louis to Louis and Lucille Ernst. He has three sisters and two brothers, one of whom, Paul, died of cancer in 2010. Bro. Louis attended grade school at St. Catherine of Alexandria parish where he was taught by the Franciscan Sisters from Oldenberg, Indiana. Thus from faith filled parents and family and Catholic education, the foundation was made to receive the Call.

As a freshman, Bro. Louis attended a boy's school in St. Louis called De Andreis. The School was administered by the Marianists. There he began learning about the Brothers and was encouraged by his homeroom and Algebra teacher, Bro. Joseph Schmidt, to go to Maryhurst in Kirkwood Missouri, the prep school for the Brothers.

He graduated from Maryhurst in 1952, and then became a Novice in the Society of Mary at Marynook in Galesville, Wisconsin. He professed his first vows there on Aug. 15, 1953.

Bro. Louis spent his first year of college back at Maryhurst and then continued at St. Mary's University in San Antonio where he graduated with a BA in 1956.

His first three years after graduation were spent teaching at St. Joseph's in Victoria, Texas. Bro. Louis professed his perpetual vows in 1959. He spent the next 29 years in St. Louis at Chaminade Prep High school, where he was involved in teaching and administration. He also earned his master's degree during those years at St. Louis University. Thus the Call by the Brothers and students continued.

Bro. Louis followed the call to Nolan Catholic High School where he spent 23 years as a math helper and was a fan of student activities. He made effort to live Mary's mission of bringing Christ into the World and reminding students that Christ must grow in them so they can be Christ to one another.

Now Brother Louis has been called to the Marianist Residence at St. Mary's University in San Antonio where he makes effort to be of service to the Religious Community and the University Community.