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Death Notice No. 16 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ROBERT HATESOHL**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 22, 2007 in St. Louis, Missouri, in the 65th year of his age and the 46th year of his religious profession.

Bro. Bob was born on October 16, 1942, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Fred and Henrietta (Timmermann) Hatesohl. He attended elementary school at St. Wenceslaus in St. Louis and was taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame. As a youngster, Bob was interested in religious life. His sisters remember him playing “priest” and asking them to be the servers. On one occasion, he presided at the funeral of their pet bird. His interest in religious life increased while he attended St. Mary’s High School in St. Louis and became acquainted with the Marianist brothers. After graduating from high school in 1960, Bro.

Bob entered the novitiate of the Society of Mary at Marynook in Galesville, Wisconsin. He professed first vows in 1961 at Marynook and final vows in 1966 at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio.

In 1963, Bro. Bob earned a bachelor’s degree in history from St. Mary’s University.

Bro. Bob began his career as an accountant and business manager at St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis in 1964 and continued in this role at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio from 1965 to 1969. He returned to St. Louis in 1970 and performed similar duties for a year at Maryhurst, the Marianist formation house, and then again at St. John Vianney until 1978. After a sabbatical year in Santa Fe in 1979, Bro. Bob ministered until 1981 as a teacher at Daniel J. Gross High School in Omaha, Nebraska. For the next 22 years, Bro. Bob served as a bookkeeper and community director of Marianist communities in St. Louis and San Antonio. He also assisted with bookkeeping at Holy Rosary Parish in San Antonio.

Fr. John Manahan, who worked with Bro. Bob at Holy Rosary Parish, remembers him as a private man with a dry wit, who endeared himself to the staff of Holy Rosary. “Bob’s work as business manager was instrumental in turning our parish finances around in 1995,” said Fr. John. “I am eternally grateful for the work he did for us.”

To further his education and pastoral possibilities, Bro. Bob took courses in the 1990s in clinical pastoral education and completed a spiritual direction workshop at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio.

“Bob was bright and served the order well as an accountant,” said Bro. James Jaeckle, who attended novitiate with Bro. Bob. “He had a quiet, contemplative spirit and a good sense of humor.”

After suffering a series of strokes in 2003, Bro. Bob retired from active ministry to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio and then to the Marycliff Marianist community in Eureka, Missouri.

Bro. Bob’s sister, Mary Lynn Jost, remembers him as a great brother and friend to many. “We had lots of fun together,” she said.

May he rest in peace.