Death Notice No. 19 (To all Unit Administrations):

The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, Daniel Triulzi, priest, of the Marianist Community, California, USA, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 20, 2017 in California, USA, at the age of 70 with 50 years of religious profession.

Father Dan was a scholar and educator with a broad international background. He spoke multiple languages and was an accomplished pianist.

Daniel Albert Triulzi was born on May 21, 1947, in Alexandria, Egypt. He was one of three sons in the family of Eugene and Pauline (Rayna) Triulzi. His father was an American citizen who was an executive for General Motors working in Egypt at the time. His mother was French.

During Dan’s early life, his father’s career took the family to such varied postings as Italy, Mexico, Argentina, France and Switzerland. It was in Switzerland, at Villa St. Jean School in Fribourg, that Dan first met the Marianists. He was valedictorian of his class at Villa St. Jean, graduating with an American high school diploma in 1964.

He studied French literature at the University of Fribourg for a year while also earning a Certificat d’Etudes Superieures in concert performance piano studies from the Swiss National Conservatory of Music.

Dan entered the Marianist novitiate at Galesville, Wisconsin, and professed first vows there a year later, on August 22, 1966. He entered St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, Texas, that same year. In 1970, he graduated cum laude, with majors in French, Spanish, Latin, philosophy, theology and education. He minored in geology.


In 1976, Brother Dan entered the University of St. Michael’s College in Toronto, Canada; he earned a master of divinity degree in 1978. He then began studies at the Marianist seminary at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He was ordained on April 23, 1981, in Rome, Italy.

From 1981-1983, Father Dan continued advanced studies in Fribourg. He also ministered as a chaplain to a community of nuns and was mission pastor to a local Spanish community. During this
time, he was hospitalized for five months because of complications from spinal surgery done in 1980.

In early 1984, after 13 years abroad, Father Dan returned to the United States. He was assigned to Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, Texas. He taught French, Spanish, Latin and religion, and served in campus ministry through 1991.

Father Dan then moved to Dayton, Ohio, to begin service and study at the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton. He also served part-time as a pastor to a local Hispanic parish.

From 1995-2000, Father Dan taught French, Latin and Spanish at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis, Missouri, where he also led retreats. Health problems continued to plague him, however, and in June of 2000, he suffered a stroke. He spent a year trying to recover while substitute teaching and assisting in the music department at Chaminade.

Later in 2001, Father Dan moved to Denton, Texas, to serve with other Marianists at St. Mark Parish. He was associate pastor and pastoral administrator at St. Mark’s through late 2005.

“Dan was a kind and refined gentleman,” said Father William Meyer. “With his international background, he brought culture and color to all of his endeavors. He was an affable and effective teacher, respected by students and colleagues alike. Although he was involved in parish ministry just a short time, Dan was beloved by his parishioners, and he deeply loved our Marianist life,” Father William said.

By 2006, continued poor health forced Father Dan to step down from active ministry.

May he rest in peace.