

The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **RAYMOND MCQUADE**, of the San Antonio Marianist Residence community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 4, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 80 with 59 years of religious profession.

Raymond, who went by Ray, was born in Jamaica, New York, on October 21, 1930, to John and Anna (O'Keefe) McQuade. Ray had four sisters and one brother. Both parents died while he was a teenager.

Ray first met the Marianists at Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York, where he graduated in 1948. He attended Niagara University in New York for two years before entering the novitiate in Marcy, New York, in October 1950.

Ray took his first vows as a Marianist on October 12, 1951, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton in 1952. In 1953, Bro. Ray began a long and productive career as a teacher of English. His first assignment was at Chaminade High School in Dayton, Ohio, where he served until 1955.

The next year Bro. Ray moved to Purcell High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and stayed until 1961. While teaching at Purcell, Bro. Ray made his final vows as a Marianist on August 15, 1958.

Bro. Ray returned to his native New York to teach at Chaminade High School from 1961 to 1964. He earned a master's degree in English from The Ohio State University in 1963. Bro. Ray worked in vocations in Beacon, New York, for a year before returning to Chaminade later in 1965.

In 1966, Bro. Ray spent a year teaching at Colegio San José in Puerto Rico. He returned again to Chaminade in 1967, where he would teach until 1969.

Bro. Ray had a passion for education and began studying for a doctorate in English literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1969. While at North Carolina, he also served as a teaching assistant and as a fellow. Bro. Ray's dissertation was on humor in the writings of Thomas Hardy.

“His thesis was in many ways a reflection of his personality,” said Bro. Stephen Glodek. “Often studious and meticulous, Ray nevertheless could burst forth in creative writing and dramatic presentations full of humor and satire.”

Bro. Ray returned to Puerto Rico to teach at the University of Puerto Rico in 1973, where he served until 1979. Bro. Ray earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1976.

Bro. Ray then helped with family ministry at the Marianist community in Cape May, New Jersey, in 1979 and 1980 before he returned to Puerto Rico for two years.

From 1982 until 1986, Bro. Ray taught at Loyola College of Baltimore before he taught once again at the University of Puerto Rico from 1986 until 1993.

Bro. Ray returned to Cape May in New Jersey in 1993 where he served as director of family ministry for six years. Fr. Richard Kuhn worked with Bro. Ray at Cape May and considered him a dear friend.

“He was a very warm, open person. He was easy to talk with,” Fr. Richard said. “Bro. Ray will be missed by everyone in all the places he served.”

Friends remember Bro. Ray’s ability to write funny and entertaining skits for retreat participants.

“Someone else would put on a skit that would last 15 seconds, but his would last 15 minutes,” said Ray McCracken, a Lay Marianist who worked closely with Bro. Ray at Cape May.

Fr. Richard recalled that while the skits were hilarious, they were never inappropriate.

“They had to do with Christian family living,” Fr. Richard said. “He was very creative at writing scripts.”

In 1999 Bro. Ray and Fr. Richard formed a Marianist community at North Topsail Beach, North Carolina. While there, Bro. Ray served at the CFL Family Retreat Center – Marianist Family Ministry.

Bro. Ray stayed in North Carolina until 2007, but did take a leave to complete the “Ministry to Ministers” program at Oblate College in San Antonio.

Fr. Bill Meyer, Marianist director of religious life, was the community director while Bro. Ray studied in San Antonio, and remembers him fondly.

“He was a wonderful student, life-learner and spiritual companion loved by his fellow sabbaticants,” Fr. Bill said.

Bro. Ray enjoyed films and would write reviews on various movies. He also liked to read and watch sports on television.

Ray McCracken recalled how he could never go to the drugstore with him without Bro. Ray insisting they stop for ice cream. Bro. Ray was an active member in the Knights of Columbus.

“He was a gentleman, a man of prayer and a person of unremitting kindness and generosity in community and towards all he ministered with and to,” Bro. Stephen said.

Bro. Ray passed away at the Marianist Residence in San Antonio. He will be missed by his Marianist brothers.

May he rest in peace.