

The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **WILLIAM CALLAHAN**, of the Mercy Siena Retirement Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 31, 2012, in Dayton, Ohio, USA, at the age of 92 with 61 years of religious profession.

William Thomas Callahan was born to Michael and Julia (Donovan) Callahan on January 23, 1920, in Danvers, Massachusetts. He had one brother and one sister. After graduating from high school, Bill served his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

After the war ended, Bill earned a bachelor's degree from Boston College. He entered the Marianist novitiate at Marcy, New York, in 1950 and professed first vows on September 12, 1951. Bro. Bill served as a mathematics teacher at Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York, from 1953 until 1958. Bro. Bill professed perpetual vows on August 15, 1955, and earned a master's degree in math from Catholic University of America in 1956.

From 1958 to 1974, Bro. Bill served the Marianists overseas as a teacher in Nigeria and Australia, with the exception of a one-year teaching assignment at St. Joseph's High School in Cleveland, Ohio. When he returned to the United States in 1975, Bro. Bill served at Msgr. Hackett High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Fr. Martin Solma, who lived with Bro. Bill in Kalamazoo, recalls him as a gentle man and great teacher. He says even though Bro. Bill wasn't considered a disciplinarian, students did not misbehave because they respected his kind demeanor as well as his professionalism and expertise as a teacher.

After a year in Kalamazoo, Bro. Bill returned to Australia where he taught until 1982. Between 1987 and 1993, Bro. Bill served at St. Lawrence College, a Marianist-sponsored secondary school in Dublin, Ireland. He spent most of the latter part of his working life in Ireland and at Alumni Hall in Dayton, before retiring to Mercy Siena in Dayton.

"Bill was a kind and generous person," said Bro. Gerry Mc Auley, who lived with Bro. Bill in Ireland. "At Christmas, he made food packages for the needy. He also visited members of the Marianist Family in the hospital."

Bro. Joe Kamis lived with Bro. Bill at Alumni Hall. "Bill was the most gentle of men, very prayerful and giving," Bro. Joe said. "He loved people and wanted to help any way he could. I would classify him as a model Marianist." Fr. Joe Kozar agreed. "He was an exemplar community member, a pillar of prayer."

May he rest in peace.