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Death Notice No. 7 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **FRANCIS HAUG**, of the Curé of Ars community in St. Louis, Missouri, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 21, 2009, in St. Louis in the 86th year of his age and the 67th year of his religious profession.

Francis was born in St. Louis on March 9, 1924, one of 11 children of Reynold and Zoe (Thomure) Haug. He attended St. Edward the King parish school in St. Louis and was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Three of the Haug brothers were graduates of McBride High School in St. Louis when Francis and his brother John enrolled there. The older Haug boys played handball and basketball with the Marianist brothers, who were often guests at the Haug household. This closeness to the brothers, and encouragement from teacher Bro. George Scherrer, SM, led Francis and John to join the order.

Francis left home in 1940, at the end of his sophomore year at McBride, to join the postulate of the Society of Mary at Maryhurst in Kirkwood, Missouri. In 1941, he entered the novitiate at Galesville, Wisconsin. His novice director described him as “the most accomplished all-around athlete I ever knew.” Francis and his brother John were part of the McBride basketball team that won the state championship in 1940. Francis shined academically as well, ranking first in his novice class.

He professed first vows in 1942 and perpetual vows in 1947 at Galesville. Bro. Francis received a bachelor’s degree in education in 1944 from the University of Dayton and began his career in education teaching English, math and religion at Northside Catholic in St. Louis. He spent the 1946-1947 school year teaching at Southside Catholic (now St. Mary’s High School) in St. Louis followed by a year at Coyle High School in St. Louis. Bro. Francis then took a year off teaching to work as an editor at Catholic Authors Press in St. Louis.

In 1949, he began a seven-year teaching assignment at Cathedral High School in Belleville, Illinois, followed by four years at St. Michael’s High School in Chicago. During this time, he received a master’s degree in English in 1955 from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. In 1960, Bro. Francis returned to Cathedral as director/principal until the Marianists withdrew from the school in 1964. He also served as a director at McBride (1964-1966) and director/principal at St. Mary’s (1966-1972).

Bro. Francis spent the last 25 years of his career in education (1972-1997) as a teacher and tutor at St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis. In addition to teaching and administrative duties, he served on the executive committee of the National Catholic Educational Association for six years, was a member of the St. Louis Archdiocesan restructuring committee, and was an elected member of the former St. Louis Province Provincial Chapter. Bro. Francis also coached basketball, baseball and football, moderated yearbook, school paper and the Mother's Club and worked at the Chaminade College Preparatory summer camp.

“Franny was a Marianist teacher par excellence,” said Fr. Tim Kenney, director of the Marianist community at St. John Vianney where Bro. Francis lived for 37 years. “He knew how to ‘talk the talk’ and ‘walk the walk,’ and was admired by many educators throughout the country.”

Bro. Tony Pistone, who served with Bro. Francis at Cathedral, remembers him as a man who demonstrated great sensitivity in handling issues with faculty and students. “Bro. Francis was a top-notch administrator and director,” said Bro. Tony. “He loved all sports and knew all the kids in the school. They respected him greatly.”

Besides his brother John (deceased), Francis had two sisters in religious life: Sr. Jean Frances Haug, CSJ (deceased) and Sr. Teresa Haug, SSND.

Bro. Francis was often seen at high school games throughout the St. Louis area. He was known as a competitor in many of his activities, especially bridge, where he loved to outbid his opponents. Fr. Kenney said Bro. Francis looked forward to interacting with the brothers at the weekly community socials. “He was truly a ‘brother’ to his brothers,” said Fr. Tim.

May he rest in peace.