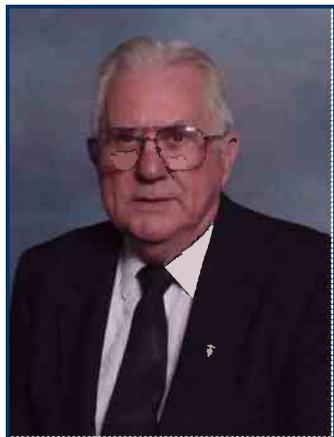


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**Death Notice No. 8 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **HERBERT JANSON**, of the Marianist Residence (San Antonio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 31, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 88 with 70 years of religious profession.

Bro. Herbert was a longtime mathematics teacher in San Antonio at Central Catholic High School and St. Mary's University. He also authored several books and taught thousands of students during more than six decades as a Marianist educator.

Herbert Henry Janson was born to John and Bernardine (Weilbacher) Janson on September 17, 1923, in Columbia, Illinois, near St. Louis, Missouri. After attending high school at the Maryhurst postulate in St. Louis, Herbert entered the Marianist Novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin. He professed first vows on August 25, 1941, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton two years later.

After serving for a brief period at St. Joseph's School in Victoria, Texas, Bro. Herbert taught at Central Catholic High School from 1944 until 1953. When his superiors informed Bro. Herbert that he was approved for perpetual vows, they noted his success in teaching. He professed perpetual vows on July 1, 1946.

Bro. Herbert spent the 1952-1953 school year in St. Louis at McBride High School before returning to Central Catholic, where he served until 1962. Bro. Herbert taught math the next five years at St. John Vianney High School and Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis. In 1964, he earned a master's in mathematics from St. Mary's University. He also authored a book titled *A Marianist Mathematician*, based on the life of Bro. Charles Biehler, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Marianist mathematician.

"Bro. Herbert liked teaching students who struggled in math," Fr. Al McMenamy said. "It made him feel good when they succeeded."

Bro. Herbert authored two other books, *Marianists in God's Acre*, about the cemetery on the grounds of St. Mary's University, and an autobiography. He co-authored two books with the late Bro. Martin McMurtrey: *Marianists Martyr: Blessed Jakob Gapp, S.M.*, and *Tell Me a Marianist Story*.

Bro. Herbert also taught religion, social studies and typing; after school, he coached basketball and baseball. In the summers, Bro. Herbert served as a director for the Texas Catholic Boys Camp (TECABOCA), near Mountain Home, Texas.

In 1967, Bro. Herbert returned to Central Catholic for a third and final time, where he taught until 1985. He loved talking to students he taught years after they graduated. "At alumni reunions, the comments of former students who attribute their professional successes to the endeavors and family spirit at Central Catholic are very gratifying," Bro. Herbert said at his 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee.

"Bro. Herbert did so much for Central Catholic," Fr. Al McMenemy said. "He considered it his home."

He served as a professor at St. Mary's University in San Antonio before retiring full-time to the Marianist Residence there in 2008.

Bro. Bill McCarthy lived in community with Bro. Herbert for over 30 years. He remembers Bro. Herbert as a prayerful man who never missed a community Eucharist. Bro. Les Kaehler remembers Bro. Herbert as a faithful and cheerful member of the community.

"He was very enthusiastic about two things: mathematics and St. Louis Cardinals baseball," Bro. Les said. "Every morning he would let all of us know how the Cardinals did the day before."

"I've always got something to do," Bro. Herbert said in 2001. "I'm busy and feel satisfied that I'm contributing."

May he rest in peace.