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Death Notice No. 2 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **HOWARD LOHREY**, of the Montgomery Road Marianist Community (Cincinnati, Ohio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 24, 2015, in Dayton, Ohio, USA, at the age of 65 with 46 years of religious profession.

Bro. Howard was a longtime math teacher at Archbishop Moeller High School who also played guitar for liturgies and school events. He was beloved for his sharp sense of humor and his commitment to his students.

Howard Robert Lohrey was born May 8, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio. He and a sister, Barbara, were the children of Howard and Joyce (Blackmun) Lohrey. Bro. Howard attended St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, where he first encountered members of the Society of Mary.

Bro. Howard entered the novitiate at Marcy, New York, and professed his first vows there a year later, on August 22, 1968. He earned a bachelor's degree in music, with minors in math and theology, from the University of Dayton in 1973, and began teaching at Cathedral Latin School in Cleveland, Ohio, that fall. He professed his perpetual vows on August 18, 1974, at Mount Saint John in Dayton.

Bro. Howard remained at Cathedral Latin until 1979, when he began teaching at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. This marked the beginning of a celebrated tenure at Moeller that spanned more than 30 years.

"I was lucky enough to have Bro. Lohrey every year I was at Moeller, and whenever I went back I made sure to visit him," wrote Greg Robinson on the school's Facebook page. "He was tough, sarcastic and loved poking fun at me. But I learned more from him than I've learned from any other teacher."

At Moeller, Bro. Howard taught math and played his guitar for liturgies and wherever else his skills could be put to use. "Some of my best times at Moeller were spent playing guitar with Brother Lohrey in choir and jazz ensemble," said alumnus Keith Vanden Eynden.

Bro. Howard earned a master's degree in mathematics from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1988. In addition to teaching at Moeller, he was an adjunct math instructor at Xavier in the evenings from 1985 – 2005.

At Moeller, Bro. Howard was viewed as a challenging, skilled and caring teacher. "I've told many people one of the reasons I made it through engineering in college was my high school math teacher," said Jim Holtel.

“Howie loved the Marianists and Moeller – and music and math,” said Bro. Joe Kamis, formerly a principal at Moeller. “He was the model of consistency in the classroom, and he demonstrated his love for his vocation through 46 years of commitment to consecrated life. He will be sorely missed as a friend, brother and fellow educator.”

Despite a battle with cancer, Bro. Howard continued to teach through the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year. The following fall, he was able to attend a Mass at Moeller at which he was recognized by students, alumni, staff and friends.

Among those providing testimonials at the event was senior Liam Taylor, who said, “Bro. Lohrey is a legend. He has done a tremendous service to this school over the last 36 years. I have been blessed to know him during my high school years, and I know I speak for everyone when I say that we all love him dearly.”

May he rest in peace.