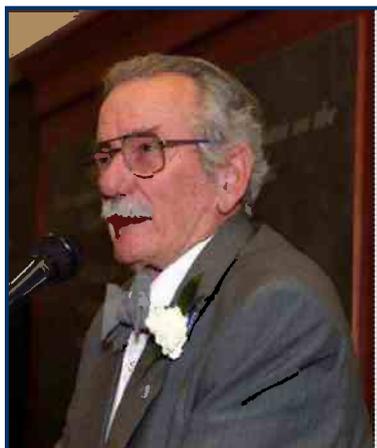


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**Death Notice No. 13 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **LOUIS PINCKERT** of the Marianist Residence, San Antonio, Texas, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on July 26, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 87 with 68 years of religious profession.

No matter where he ministered in his life, Bro. Louis exemplified the Marianist virtue of hospitality and a welcoming spirit.

Louis William Pinckert was born to Carl and Beatrice (Neary) Pinckert on Oct. 8, 1924, in St. Louis, Missouri. He had one sister, Ann Marie. Louis met the Marianists at Chaminade College Prep in St. Louis and was especially impressed by Fr. James Canning, S.M. He graduated as

salutatorian of his class in 1942.

In his request to take first vows in 1943, Bro. Louis wrote: "For a long time I have had the desire to consecrate myself, my whole life, to the service of the Blessed Virgin. Where else but in the Society of Mary can I do it in the best possible manner?" He professed first vows in the Society of Mary on Aug. 15, 1943, in Galesville, Wisconsin.

After earning a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton in 1945, Bro. Louis began teaching at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio. One year later he returned to St. Louis to teach at McBride and St. Mary's High Schools before being assigned in 1948 to St. Joseph High School in Victoria, Texas. Bro. Louis professed perpetual vows in the Society of Mary in July 1952.

For the next five years he ran the Marianist print shop at the Maryhurst administration building of the former St. Louis Province, located on the grounds of St. John Vianney High School. From 1958 to 1961 he was head groundskeeper at St. Mary's University, then returned to Chaminade College Prep as a teacher, athletic director and assistant in the physical plant.

In 1969 Bro. Louis began a 25-year career as a community business manager in St. Louis and Toronto, Canada. He served in St. Louis until 1981 at the Marianist Seminary and at the former St. Louis Province headquarters on Maryland Avenue. From 1981 to 1994, Bro. Louis ministered at the new seminary location in Toronto.

Fr. Ralph Siefert, president of Chaminade College Prep in St. Louis, said, "Louie loved Chaminade and loved his work at our seminary. In Toronto he became an expert on all things Canadian. He mastered

the back streets of Toronto, just as he had in St. Louis. He loved to take people to their destinations by very circuitous routes.”

After serving in Toronto, Bro. Louie returned to St. Louis and lived at Chaminade College Prep, where he helped in food service. In his community he was the food buyer, cook and maintenance man, and was named community director in 2002. He was a member of the Chaminade Alumni Board of Directors.

Bro. Louis was an avid photographer and was often seen at Province vow ceremonies and jubilees with a camera around his neck. He used his computer skills in desktop publishing to update the necrology and work on jubilee booklets. “He was enthusiastic about technology and learned an amazing amount about it,” said Fr. Ralph. “He also was a good cook and produced some great meals for the brothers.”

In 2009 Bro. Louis moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio due to ill health. Despite undergoing numerous medical procedures in the last year, Bro. Louie never complained. “Louie suffered a great deal but bore his suffering very gracefully,” said Bro. Mike O’Grady, director of the Residence. “He had a wonderful outlook.”

“Bro. Louie was the apex of hospitality,” said Fr. William Meyer of the Province Office of Religious Life. “He was not just polite. He genuinely enjoyed you and made you feel so much at home.”

May he rest in peace.