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**Death Notice No. 16 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PIERRE WEITKAMP**, of the Marianist Residence Community (San Antonio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 82 with 63 years of religious profession.

Pierre was born on January 14, 1929, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Sylvester and Edna (Banniester) Weitkamp. He was the only boy in a set of triplets; he also had two brothers. Pierre's father died when he was 11.

After being taught by the St. Joseph nuns in grade school, Pierre attended the Marianists' North Side High School, where he attended Mass daily and often served as an altar boy. After his sophomore year, Pierre entered the postulate at Maryhurst in Kirkwood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis.

He entered the novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin, on August 13, 1946, and professed first vows a year later on August 15, 1947.

Pierre graduated from the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in education in 1950 and then spent a year teaching at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, Texas. Bro. Pierre professed perpetual vows as a Marianist on July 10, 1951.

Bro. Al Kuntemeier attended North Side High School, entered the postulate, and studied at the University of Dayton with Bro. Pierre. Bro. Al remembers the prayer group they started in the late 1940s. He also remembers Bro. Pierre as a spiritual person who would arrive 30 minutes before Mass to meditate.

"He was a good Marianist, a gentleman, a very humorous guy," Bro. Al said. "He was a good man and a good friend."

Bro. Pierre returned to the St. Louis area in 1951, where he spent seven years teaching at St. Mary's High School and Cathedral High School in nearby Belleville, Illinois. He taught religion, English, social studies and reading courses during his career as a Catholic educator. Bro. Pierre received a master's degree in history from Marquette University in 1958 and three years later, a licentiate in theology from Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

Bro. Pierre returned to the United States in 1961 and taught at St. Michael's in Chicago for a year before moving to Texas, where he would spend the next eight years at St. Mary's University in San Antonio and Nolan High School in Fort Worth.

Bro. Richard Dix worked with Bro. Pierre at Nolan.

"He worked well with the kids and they appreciated him," Bro. Richard said. "He had a wry sense of humor."

From 1970 to 1976 Bro. Pierre served as assistant principal of Don Bosco and Thomas More High Schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bro. Pierre returned to Nolan in 1976 to serve as principal for four years.

"I needed a challenge," Bro. Pierre said later in life. "I took the position at Nolan because I enjoyed the community there." He said that of all the schools at which he worked, Nolan was his favorite.

Bro. Pierre moved on to serve as principal of Central Catholic from 1980 until 1984. He particularly enjoyed living in the Lone Star State. "I love summer and I love heat," he said.

He then spent a year as principal of Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School in Omaha, Nebraska, before returning to his hometown of St. Louis in 1985 to spend five years teaching at Chaminade Preparatory School. Over the years, in addition to teaching, Bro. Pierre moderated student council, drama clubs and school newspapers and yearbooks.

Fr. John Manahan lived in community with Bro. Pierre in St. Louis in the late 1980s.

"He was fun to live with," Fr. John said. "He had a very dry sense of humor."

Bro. Pierre taught at Central Catholic from 1990 until 1995 before Nolan called once again. In his final assignment as a Marianist, Bro. Pierre served the school as registrar and assistant director of financial services for 13 years.

Fr. Larry Doersching lived with Bro. Pierre in Fort Worth and remembers him as an avid reader. Bro. Pierre kept an index card for each of the thousands of novels he read.

Fr. Larry also remembers Bro. Pierre for his commitment to a life of prayer.

"If there was prayer scheduled, Bro. Pierre was there," Fr. Larry said. "He was a faith-filled gentleman."

Bro. Pierre moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio in August 2008, where he would spend his final years. The nursing staff enjoyed Bro. Pierre and will miss him.

"My life as a Marianist has been delightful and rewarding," Bro. Pierre said in 2007. "God has blessed me with many graces, especially the grace of perseverance."

May he rest in peace.