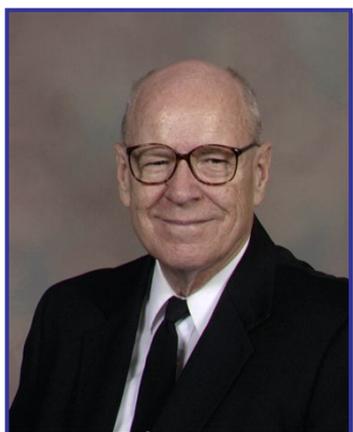


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**Death Notice No. 22 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PETER LOEHR**, of the Marianist Residence Community (San Antonio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 14, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 82 with 59 years of religious profession.

Bro. Peter was a teacher, librarian and administrator at Marianist high schools and was active in moderating extracurricular activities at the schools he served. He also will be remembered for his powerful singing voice.

Bro. Peter was born January 11, 1931, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He was one of seven children in the family of Anton and Laura (Meier) Loehr. Two of his brothers became diocesan priests. Bro. Peter attended St. Michael's Grade School, St. Lawrence High School and St. Francis Seminary, all in Wisconsin. It was during his time at the seminary that he encountered his first Marianist, Bro. John Totten.

"I feel that my entrance into the Marianist novitiate was a direct grace in answer to my daily prayers for vocation since early youth," Bro. Peter later wrote.

He entered the novitiate at Galesville, Wisconsin, and professed his first vows there on September 26, 1954. He attended the scholasticates at Maryhurst in St. Louis, Missouri, and at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Bro. Peter received a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's in 1956.

Bro. Peter began his teaching career at William Cullen McBride High School in St. Louis in 1957. He professed his perpetual vows following the close of his first school year, on July 13, 1958, at Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church in St. Louis.

Over the following years, he taught at McBride, at Roncalli in Pueblo, Colorado, at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis, at Nolan Catholic in Fort Worth, Texas, and at Central Catholic in San Antonio. By taking summer classes, he earned a master's degree in library science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He served as principal at Chaminade College Preparatory from 1978 through 1984.

In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities, Bro. Peter often served as the school librarian, and was active as a moderator for speech and debate teams, for chorus, cheerleaders and sodalities. He was involved in professional organizations including the National Forensic League and the Catholic Library Association.

In 1993, Bro. Peter returned to Chaminade and was director of the Frische Marianist Community on campus. He remained there until the community was closed in 1999. He spent the following four years as a teacher and administrator at Nolan Catholic in Texas.

Bro. Peter moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio in 2003. He continued in his service to the Marianists by being a willing and competent driver for his fellow brothers for a number of years.

“There are two things I remember most about Bro. Peter Loehr,” said Fr. Tim Dwyer. “One was his wonderful singing voice in chapel. The other thing was what a hard worker he was.” Fr. Tim recounted working with Bro. Peter when they were at the scholasticate: “I was happy if I got teamed to work with Bro. Peter because he always knew what he was doing.”

Fr. John Manahan lived with Bro. Peter in recent years. He said that Bro. Peter served in many places and always accomplished what he was asked to do. “I remember him as a man who wore the many hats he was asked to wear, and he wore them all well,” said Fr. John.

May he rest in peace.