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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, **NORBERT BROCKMAN**, priest of the Marianist Residence Community (San Antonio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 29, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 79 with 60 years of religious profession.

Fr. Norb was an educator, author and Marianist administrator whose long career included professorships at the University of Dayton and St. Mary's University in Texas, as well as teaching and formation ministries in Canada and Kenya.

Norbert Clemens Brockman was born to Norbert and Mary Elizabeth (Hasdorff) Brockman on March 2, 1934, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His family included three sisters and a brother.

Fr. Norb attended St. Mary's and St. Francis de Sales Latin grade schools, and Purcell High School in Cincinnati. After graduating, he entered the postulate at Marcy, New York, and took his first vows on September 5, 1952. He attended the scholasticate at Mount St. John in Dayton and professed his perpetual vows on August 15, 1956.

An accomplished scholar, Fr. Norb earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Dayton, a master's degree and a doctorate in political science from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) from United Theological Seminary in Dayton.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, Fr. Norb taught at Marianist high schools in Ohio, New York and Kentucky before becoming a professor at the University of Dayton. Fr. Norb taught at UD through 1969, when he became assistant director of novices, and then assistant to the head of education for the former Cincinnati Province.

Fr. Norb attended the Marianist seminary in St. Louis and was ordained on June 9, 1973, in Dayton. Following his ordination, Fr. Norb served on the Provincial Council in Cincinnati as the assistant for apostolic action.

In the late 1970s, Fr. Norb was program director at Bergamo Conference Center in Dayton. It was during this time that he established the Marianist Training Network, a consulting operation that worked with non-profit, community and non-governmental organizations to improve their effectiveness. During Fr. Norb's directorship, the Marianist Training Network served more than 100 clients.

In the early 1980s, Fr. Norb served as assistant rector at the Marianist seminary at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada. In 1985, he was called to work at another seminary in a distinctly different venue: Nairobi, Kenya. For the next five years, he taught politics and history at Apostles of Jesus Seminary in Nairobi, and also served as academic dean.

Fr. Norb returned to the United States in 1990 and accepted a teaching position at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. For the next two decades, he was a professor of political science and served as head of the international relations department at St. Mary's. He sometimes cooked African dishes he learned in Kenya to share with his students, enabling them to enjoy a taste of another culture.

In 1994, Fr. Norb received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the university, and in 1998, he was named a Piper Professor by the state of Texas. This award recognizes 10 outstanding teachers in higher education each year.

"Fr. Norb was one of the more creative members of the Province. He could talk on just about any topic you asked him to," said Fr. Bill Behringer, adding that Fr. Norb was "a man of deep faith."

Although he retired from teaching in 2009 at age 75, he continued to be active at St. Mary's, assisting with campus ministry, saying Masses and hearing confessions.

"Norb was such a good community man, and he was very generous in serving parishes and the university for confessions and Masses," said Bro. Earl Leistikow. "He had a special relationship with Holy Redeemer, the African-American parish in San Antonio, and at one time served there as interim pastor."

Fr. Norb retired to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio, Texas, in 2011. His legacy includes many published articles and books, including two notable books, the "Encyclopedia of Sacred Places" and "An African Biographical Dictionary."

May he rest in peace.