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**Death Notice No. 1 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOHN HASTER**, of the Cupertino community, California, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 16, 2017 in Cupertino, California, USA, at the age of 77 with 58 years of religious profession.

Brother John was a longtime teacher and principal at Marianist high schools in California, and also served in administration for the former Province of the Pacific.

John James Haster was born on February 18, 1939, in San Francisco, California. He and two sisters were the children of John and Anne (Kenney) Haster. He attended St. James Elementary School in San Francisco, where he first came into contact with the Marianists. His appreciation for the Brothers of Mary grew during his four years at Archbishop Riordan High School.

Brother John entered the novitiate at Santa Cruz, California, and professed first vows there one year later, on August 15, 1957. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at Chaminade University of Honolulu in 1962, and began teaching that autumn at Junipero Serra High School in Gardena, California.

On August 18, 1963, Brother John professed perpetual vows in San Francisco. He continued teaching history at Serra until 1969. By attending classes during the summers, he was able to complete a master's degree in educational administration in 1969.

In the autumn of that same year, Brother John moved to Chaminade College Preparatory, in Canoga Park, California, where he was assistant principal in addition to continuing as a history teacher.

For five years beginning in 1971, Brother John returned to Serra High School, where he was a teacher and director of his community. He then began a longer stretch (1976 – 1985) as principal at his alma mater, Archbishop Riordan High School.

After a sabbatical year, Brother John was called to serve the Pacific Province in a development (fundraising) role from 1986 – 1988. He continued in administrative ministry, serving as the province's assistant treasurer and assistant for temporalities from 1988 – 2000.

As a member of the Pacific's Provincial Council, Brother John was a key player in the combining of the four U.S. provinces in 2002. "We are very aware of your contributions." wrote Brother Stephen Glodek, the new provincial, in a letter to Brother John. "Without your help, it would have been impossible to launch the new province on July 1, 2002."

From 2003 - 2009, Brother John was director of the Cupertino Marianist Community, a healthcare facility serving as many as 30 elderly brothers and priests. He oversaw construction of the community's new facility in 2007.

Grace Pancipanci, the Cupertino Community's longtime director of nursing, said that one of the most valuable things Brother John ever told her was, "I trust you."

"During the planning of the healthcare facility, Brother John put me on the front line with the architect and the construction team," Grace said. "It was challenging, but the product of our hard work manifests in every corner of the Marianist center now. I learned so much, not only professionally but also personally and spiritually," she said.

"The wonderful work he oversaw as director of our facility in Cupertino is a testimony of his fraternal care and support to our brothers," said longtime friend and fellow Californian Father Tim Kenney. "John always had his brothers at heart. We have lost a jewel."

May he rest in peace.