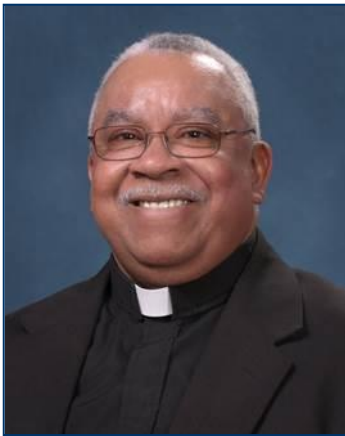


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Death Notice No. 19 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Marianist Province of the United States recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PAUL MARSHALL**, priest, of the Salve Community (St. Louis, Missouri), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on July 17, 2014, in Ranchi, Jharkhand, India, at the age of 66 with 47 years of religious profession.

Fr. Paul served on the Provincial Council as assistant for temporalities (financial matters). He was a committed advocate for social and racial justice and held leadership roles with national black Catholic organizations. He is remembered as a joyful Marianist with an infectious laugh.

Paul Maurice Marshall was born on August 17, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was one of four boys and two girls in the family of Isaiah and Donia (Evans) Marshall. He attended St. Philip Neri and St. Thomas Aquinas grade schools. It was at his Cleveland high school, Cathedral Latin, that he first encountered members of the Society of Mary.

Fr. Paul entered the novitiate at Marcy, New York, and professed his first vows there one year later, on August 22, 1966. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in 1969, and shortly thereafter began working in youth programs for the City of Dayton, serving as director of the Urban Corps Program.

In 1972, Fr. Paul professed his perpetual vows as a Marianist with an aspiration to priestly ministry. He earned a master's of divinity degree from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto in 1976 and was ordained in Dayton on October 30 of that year.

Fr. Paul's first priestly assignment was at his alma mater, Cathedral Latin, where he taught religion and served as chaplain for the school and his community. When the school closed in 1979, Fr. Paul assumed a similar role at Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School in Dayton.

In 1980, Fr. Paul returned to his hometown of Cleveland and became pastor of St. Aloysius, where he served through 1997. Fr. Paul was a master of multitasking long before the term was coined. While ministering at St. Aloysius, Fr. Paul was also serving as director of Marianist LIFE (Living in Faith Experience), a faith formation program for high school students. He served on the board of trustees of the University of Dayton, helped found the Ministry to Black Catholic Men, was a member of the Provincial Chapter of the Marianist Province of Cincinnati and served with the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, among other responsibilities. He found time to lead retreats and serve as a spiritual director.

A great passion for Fr. Paul was ministry to black Catholics and promoting the gift of the black Catholic community to the entire Church. For many years he was a board member of the National Black Catholic Congress, and he served as a board member and president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

Fr. Kenneth Taylor, of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, served with Fr. Paul in the NBCCC. “Paul was not one of those ‘in name only’ members. He was active and committed,” said Fr. Ken. “Paul had a positive spirit and was optimistic that we could bring about the change that’s needed. He was committed to his vocation, to black Catholics and to the Roman Catholic Church.”

In a reflection for his 25th jubilee as a Marianist, Fr. Paul wrote:

“The Marianists have always been open to someone of a different culture. Our life together, I believe, is a witness to the kingdom of God. Every race, culture and people are called to be followers of God. Mary, our model of faith, praised God who raised the lowly and freed the oppressed. Working for freedom and promoting the faith in the black community have given meaning to my life as a Marianist.”

In the closing years of the 1990s, Fr. Paul spent time in studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and on sabbatical. In 2000, Fr. Paul returned to the University of Dayton as associate professor in the department of religious studies.

In 2005, Fr. Paul was named rector of UD. Among his achievements in this role was helping establish the Marianist Educational Associates, a program aimed at building a community of lay faculty, staff and administrators dedicated to preserving the university's Marianist heritage. “(Fr. Paul) touched the lives of countless students and embodied our philosophy of learn, lead and serve,” said Daniel Curran, UD president.

In 2010, the Society of Mary asked Fr. Paul to serve as assistant for temporalities. As such, he was a member of the Provincial Council and one of five top leaders in the Province of the United States. His role involved overseeing the Province finances and social justice initiatives. At the time of his death, he was visiting Marianist ministries and communities in the District of India, a dependent unit of the Province of the United States.

Those whose lives he touched remember Fr. Paul most fondly for his generous spirit, his love of cooking and his ready laugh.

“I’ll always remember sharing coffee with Paul when we’d come back from the office,” said Bro. Tom Wendorf, who lived in community with Fr. Paul. “Paul was a community man. He made community *home*. He drew us together with his graceful presiding at Eucharist and the many meals he cooked for us.”

Marianist Provincial Fr. Martin Solma served with Fr. Paul on the council for more than four years. “Fr. Paul Marshall was an exemplary Marianist: fraternal, religious, zealous for Christ and the gospel,” Fr. Martin said. “His death leaves a huge hole in our Province. He was a brother, a collaborator, a good councilor and a friend.”

May he rest in peace.