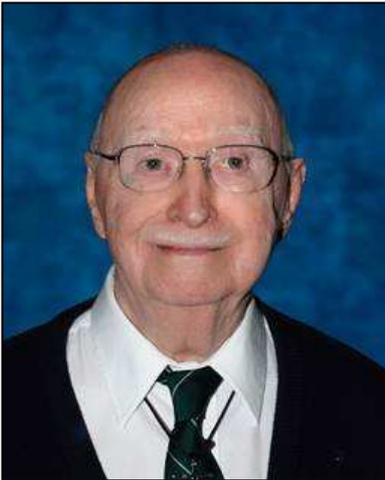


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Death Notice No. 21 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JAMES MORAN**, of the Marianist Residence Community, San Antonio, Texas, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 90 with 30 years of religious profession.

Brother Jim had an atypical Marianist journey, entering the congregation at age 60. He ministered in a variety of service roles, including teaching English to men in religious formation in Latvia and South Korea.

James Michael Moran was born on August 13, 1927, in Girard, Ohio. He was one of five brothers and two sisters in the family of

Martin and Mary (Kinney) Moran. He attended St. Rose parish school and Girard High School in his hometown.

Brother Jim was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army toward the end of World War II. He served until May 1947, and then re-enlisted. He was honorably discharged as a corporal in 1956.

He earned an associate's degree in accounting from Warren Business College in Ohio in 1956. He worked in data processing at a manufacturing company in Youngstown, Ohio, for the next seven years.

Feeling a call to religious life, Brother Jim entered formation with Glenmary Home Missioners of Ohio in 1963. He left this program in 1965.

From 1965 to 1977, he worked in a variety of medical settings in Indiana and Ohio, mostly as an electroencephalogram (EEG) technician. In 1973, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Cincinnati, and in 1978, he began working with the developmentally disabled. For the next several years, Brother Jim worked with mentally disabled adults at a number of Ohio service agencies. He was a treatment coordinator, case manager and placement specialist – roles always focused on service to an often-overlooked population.

In 1984, Brother Jim entered the aspirancy program with the former Cincinnati Province. He was well regarded and was accepted into the novitiate in August 1985. Brother Jim professed first vows on August 15, 1987, at Mount Saint John in Dayton, Ohio. He had turned 60 two days earlier.

The first leg of Brother Jim's Marianist journey began in a fairly traditional manner – at a high school. From 1987 to 1989, Brother Jim served as the business manager at Monsignor Hackett High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He returned to Ohio and spent the following two years ministering part time to elderly brothers at the Marianist care center in Dayton, while also teaching high school equivalency and English as a second language (ESL) classes. He professed perpetual vows on August 11, 1990.

From 1991 to 1993, Brother Jim taught high school English at Apaseo El Grande in Veracruz, Mexico. He returned to Dayton for five years (1993 – 1998), teaching English as a second language through a program offered by the University of Dayton.

Later in 1998, with approval from his superiors, Brother Jim moved to Latvia, where he taught English to seminarians at the Latvian National Seminary in Riga. In a letter to his provincial, Brother Jim wrote: “I’ve not been this busy since my working days in Cincinnati. But I must say this experience and ministry is most rewarding, even more than I anticipated.”

“I remember visiting Brother Jim in Latvia,” said Brother Joe Kamis, who was Brother Jim’s provincial at the time. “The seminarians could not say enough about the care that Jim had for them in his teaching. The rector of the seminary was very pleased with Jim’s ministry there. It seems wherever Jim ministered – and he ministered in many places – he brought an enthusiasm and a deep interest in the culture and the people,” Brother Joe said.

Brother Jim, now age 74, returned to the United States in 2001. He then volunteered at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis, working with foreign boarding students on their English skills.

From 2004 – 2005, Brother Jim served in the District of Korea, teaching English to men in formation. He returned to the United States for his own health reasons and to be nearer to his aging siblings.

In the final years of his ministry, Brother Jim lived at the Alumni Hall Community in Dayton. He continued to be active as a tutor to English-language learners.

“Even just a few years ago, Brother Jim was tutoring English as a second language, working with several Chinese students who were at UD,” said Brother Ron Overman. “The students came to Alumni Hall, using the community’s library as their classroom. Brother Jim delighted in this work.”

Brother Blaise Mosengo, of the Province of France, is a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo and a doctoral student at the University of Dayton. He was among Brother Jim’s students in these later years.

“Brother Jim was an excellent ESL teacher. When I was learning English, we worked together on my pronunciation. Jim was strict, funny, and challenging,” Brother Blaise said. “Jim was a real brother and friend to me. When we would go out, he would tell people that the two of us were brothers. To those waiters or receptionists, this looked incoherent given our difference of age and race. But I learned from him that our commitment to Marianist religious life goes beyond human limitations of race, gender or age.”

Brother Jim remained at the Alumni Hall Community until June 2017, when he moved to the care center in San Antonio.

May he rest in peace.