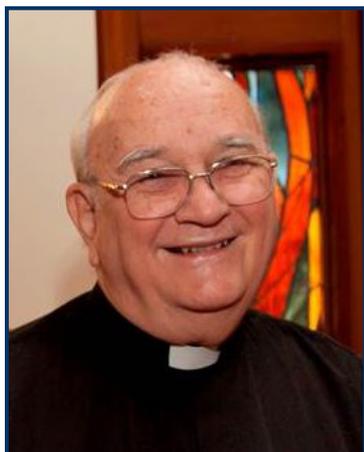


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Death Notice No. 29 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **DAVID SCHUYLER**, priest of the Cupertino Marianist Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 19, 2012 in Cupertino, California, USA, at the age of 79 with 61 years of religious profession.

Fr. Dave Schuyler was a canon lawyer and skilled administrator who served in numerous positions for the Marianists as well as for several Catholic dioceses. He also was a friend to many and a warm and gentle soul.

David Harriman Schuyler was born to Clare and Velma (Costello) Schuyler on December 14, 1932, in Pomona, California. He was the

oldest of three children.

He attended St. Joseph High School, a former Marianist secondary school in Alameda, California. In a 2010 recollection on the occasion of his 50 years of ordination, Fr. Dave wrote: "In high school, I was impressed by the genuine joy the brothers exhibited and their love of the Blessed Virgin. The great grace is that these two realities continued throughout my Marianist life and are verified in my community today."

After high school Fr. Dave entered the Marianist novitiate at Marcy, New York, and professed first vows there on September 8, 1951. He attended the scholasticate at Mount Saint John in Dayton, Ohio, and in 1954 earned a bachelor's degree at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. He professed perpetual vows August 15, 1955, in Santa Cruz, California.

Fr. Dave taught for three years at two Marianist schools in California: Chaminade Preparatory High School in Los Angeles and Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco.

In 1957 he entered the seminary at the University of Fribourg in Fribourg, Switzerland, and was ordained July 17, 1960. Fr. Dave continued his education in Europe, earning a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) at the University of Fribourg in 1961 and a JCD (Doctor in Canon Law) in 1964 at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

"I always thought he shattered the stereotype of canon lawyers," said Fr. Tim Eden, former provincial of the Province of the Pacific. "He was anything but the cold rigorist or legalist. He was always, always a welcoming presence."

For two years after his studies in Rome, Fr. Dave served Chaminade College (now Chaminade University of Honolulu) as assistant professor of theology, executive vice president and academic dean.

In 1967 he was named the assistant chancellor and later chancellor and official of the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Honolulu. In the early 1970s he also served as an administrator and chaplain at the Marianist scholasticate.

“As a caring and loving man, Dave had a deep concern for our newer members in formation, Bro. David Betz said. “He also was known for sending cards for all occasions which demonstrated his thoughtfulness for those he loved.”

In 1974 Fr. Dave was named assistant for religious life for the former Province of the Pacific. During this time he also served as vice president of Chaminade University of Honolulu followed by his appointment as fifth president of the university in 1977. Among his accomplishments during his five years at the university included the establishment of the Chaminade Board of Regents, a major renovation of Eiben Hall and the complete renovation of the old Maurice J. Sullivan Library in Henry Hall.

Fr. Dave then served for two years with the Diocese of San Jose in California on the Diocesan Tribunal. He returned to provincial administration as assistant for religious life in 1985.

In 1989 Fr. Dave was named judicial vicar and co-vicar for religious for the Diocese of San Jose and became a member of the Diocesan Council of Religious.

He was commended by Provincial Stephen Glodek in 2002 for his participation on the Commission of Uniting Provinces, as four former Marianist Provinces in the United States joined as the Marianist Province of the United States in July 2002.

In 2002 he served as adjutant judicial vicar for the Diocese of Monterey. The next year Fr. Dave retired to the Cupertino Marianist Community, where he served as director from 2009 until 2012 and as the Province’s area coordinator for California. He had previously served as director of Marianist communities in San Jose and Santa Clara, California.

“Fr. Dave was a wonderful friend, encourager and advocate when I was in initial formation with the Marianists. I doubt I would have committed to being a perpetually professed Marianist brother without his wisdom, love and support,” said Bro. Tom Farnsworth, who professed perpetual vows just three weeks before Fr. Dave’s death.

“Dave loved to send greeting cards. I saved a lot of them because each one was picked out with such care,” said Bro. Tom. “He would always end our telephone conversations by saying, ‘Love you and pray for you Big Tom!’ I will miss talking and being with him.”

“One of the best commentaries on David’s life will be the long list of friends he leaves behind,” said Fr. Tim Eden. “He had a great capacity for paying attention to people and creating friendships among the widest possible spectrum of people. He could cross boundaries of personality types and connect with a remarkable variety of people.”

May he rest in peace.