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Biography of Death Notice # 15

The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **Robert HOPPE**, of the Marianist Community of Cupertino, CA, USA, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 11, 2019, in Cupertino, CA, USA, at the age of 78 with 58 years of religious profession.

Bro. Robert "Bob" began his ministry as a teacher but soon discovered that his talents and practical personality would be more beneficial to the Marianists on the business side of ministry. He went on to serve in administration for many Marianist ministries, as a treasurer of several Marianist communities and as Provincial Assistant for Temporalities. His business mind was gift for many Marianist ministries. His practical mind and his deep Marianist spirituality also made him a wonderful homilist and a daily example of the Marianist Charism.

Robert G. Hoppe was born in San Francisco, California, on June 7, 1940. He was one of two children (1 sister) in the family of Gerhard and Myrtle (nee Hoffman) Hoppe. He graduated from St. Cecelia's grammar school in San Francisco in 1954. He was first introduced to the Marianists when he attended Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco. At the age of 17, he transferred Chaminade College Preparatory in Los Angeles, where he entered the Marianist postulate.

In August of 1959, he entered Marianist novitiate in Santa Cruz, CA, and professed first vows on August 15, 1960. He continued his college studies in Honolulu, while attending Chaminade University. After earning his bachelor's degree in history in 1964, he was assigned to teach at his alma mater, Archbishop Riordan High School, in San Francisco. It was around this time that he

discovered his interest in business and was assigned to Junipero Serra High School in Gardena, CA, as business manager (1966-1970). He professed perpetual vows in August of 1968.

In 1973, he was assigned to serve as comptroller at Saint Louis School in Honolulu (1973-1975.) Having honed his financial skills, the Pacific Province assigned him to serve as their Assistant Provincial of Temporalities (1975-1990) and then as their chief financial officer (1990-2002). In 2002, Bro. Bob was assigned to serve as the Vice President of the Marianist Center of Hawaii. In addition to his dedicated stewardship of the Marianist Center, Bro. Bob was a member of the board of regents for Chaminade University of Honolulu and he served on the board of trustees for Saint Louis School in Honolulu. Bro Bob retired to the Cupertino Marianist Community in Cupertino, CA, in 2018.

Fr. Patrick McDaid remembers, "Bro. Hoppe was dedicated to the welfare of the students and faculty of Saint Louis School and Chaminade University. He was a conscientious steward of the infrastructure of the Kalaepohaku property of the Marianist Center of Hawaii. Bro. Bob had an amazing personality and was a beloved Brother to live with in community."

Bro. Dennis Schmitz writes, "Bro. Hoppe and I worked together for many years at the Marianist Center of Hawaii where he served as my "boss." His responsibilities tended to be directed toward the infrastructure of the Chaminade University/Saint Louis School campus whereas my role was more with spiritual outreach to the broader church and community. He was a tremendous support for me and he allowed me to 'to spread my wings.' "

Bro. John Campbell remembers, "Bro. Bob was a very good friend. I was blessed to be with him while I was on retreat in Cupertino. I recall his homilies. They were prepared well and they were very practical. He had a very good spiritual outlook, also very practical. I will miss him. I thank God I was able to tell him that I love him as a Brother and friend. His practical mind was very evident at his work in the responsibilities of the Marianist Center of Hawaii. Especially, the never-ending care for the infrastructure on the entire campus. When he left for Cupertino he told me that he had completed all that he had planned."

We thank God for his life, his knowledge and his dedicated service to the Society of Mary as he joins his Heavenly Father in everlasting peace.