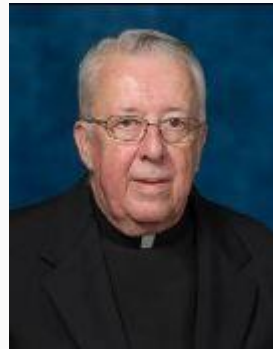




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Biography of Death Notice N. 1

The Province of the United States recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **Raymond MALLEY**, priest, of the Marianist Community of Cupertino, California, USA, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 7, 2021, in Cupertino, at the age of 80 with 61 years of religious profession.

Father Ray was a teacher, school administrator and pastor who served in California, Washington and Hawaii. He will be remembered as a dedicated Marianist and a quiet, gentle priest whose humble leadership brought out the best among those he shepherded.

Raymond Edward Malley was born on September 26, 1940, in San Francisco, California. He and sisters Eileen and Rosemary were the children of Edward and Margaret (Snider) Malley. Young Ray attended St. John parish school and Archbishop Riordan High School, where his Marianist teachers encouraged his religious vocation.

During his senior year, Ray attended a gathering of sodalists from Marianist high schools across California. The teens took turns addressing the group. "The shortest

in physical stature with a shock of brown hair over his forehead, was quiet Ray,” recalls Father Ted Ley, a member of Father Ray’s vow class. “About halfway through, Ray took the floor, and evenly, convincingly – the way it’s been said of Father Chaminade – became the leader of the whole meeting.”

Ray entered the Marianist novitiate at Santa Cruz, California in 1958, and professed first vows there a year later, on August 15, 1959. He attended Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii, earning a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1963. That autumn, Brother Ray returned to Archbishop Riordan High, where he taught for one semester before being called to teach at Saint Louis School in Honolulu in January 1964. He professed perpetual vows on August 23, 1964, in Gardena, California.

By August of that busy year, Brother Ray was in Fribourg, Switzerland, beginning seminary studies. He remained in Fribourg for three years, then returned to the States, where he completed seminary at Saint Louis University, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained on May 25, 1968, in his hometown of San Francisco.

Father Ray began priestly ministry at his alma mater, Riordan High, in the autumn of 1968. He served as chaplain and taught Latin and religion at Riordan until mid-1972. “Father Malley played a formative role in my education,” said Mike Mayer, a 1971 Riordan graduate. “He took the initiative to go way beyond the formal coursework ... he ‘volunteered’ a small group of us to take on more demanding assignments,” Mike said, noting that he stayed involved at Riordan as a way to “pay back the gift Father Malley gave me.”

The young priest was then called to southern California to serve at Chaminade College Preparatory in Canoga Park. He served as a teacher and assistant principal and was named principal in 1973. Father Ray returned to Riordan from 1976 to 1978, again serving as chaplain and teacher.

In 1978, Father Ray was called to Walla Walla, Washington, to be principal of DeSales High School. In addition to his duties as principal, he accepted the bishop’s request to serve as superintendent of the Diocese of Walla Walla’s Catholic schools. Father Ray served in these roles for five years when he received an unexpected request from the local bishop. He was asked to be pastor at nearby Assumption Parish. “Parish life was an important part of my growing up,” said Father Ray in a jubilee reflection. Even though he had assumed he would always serve as a Marianist teacher, he took the request to heart. “I felt that the Spirit was calling me

through the bishop to do something I hadn't placed in my plan!"

Father Ray served at Assumption Parish until August 1988, when the Marianists withdrew from the area.

Following a year's sabbatical, Father Ray again began a new type of ministry in 1989. He served for four years at Chaminade University of Honolulu, teaching theology classes and serving as the university's representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

In 1993, Father Ray responded 'yes' to a call to be pastor of St. Anthony Parish on the neighboring island of Maui. He came to be known as a gentle leader and smart administrator. "I remember when he first came to St. Anthony's, he said he was going to observe the parish and all of its traditions and after a year he would make recommendations and some changes," said longtime parish secretary Lori Cabacungan. "He empowered us to explore things we thought were impossible. He was a wonderful leader, shepherd and friend.

Father Ray ministered at St. Anthony for 14 happy years. During this time, he also was asked by the bishop of the Diocese of Honolulu to be *vicar forane* of the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai. He served in this role, assisting the bishop and supporting area priests, for 10 years. "Father Ray was very quiet but effective in his leadership, and we flourished, especially financially, under his leadership," said parishioner Debbie Melton. "He will be remembered as leaving a solid, lasting legacy."

Brother Frank Gomes, a Maui native and member of Father Ray's vow class said that his friend "loved Maui perhaps as much as I did." "Ray was always certain about his Marianist vocation. He enjoyed and took delight in everything Marianist. I saw him happy as a professor and even happier as a pastor."

In early 2008, Father Ray, now age 68, moved to the Marianist Community in Cupertino, where he continued to be active for many years, helping with liturgy and community needs.

"Ray had a full Marianist life. He did so much for others in a variety of fields and was a great 'community man,'" said Father Ted Ley. "What a lifetime gift to have known him." May he rest in peace.

