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Death Notice No. 10 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, ROBERT MINGES, of the Marianist Residence Community (San Antonio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 12, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 89 with 70 years of religious profession.

Robert was born on February 17, 1921, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Andrew and Anna (Hasenjaeger) Minges. He had one brother.

Bob grew up in Holy Family parish, where he said the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood helped plant the seeds of his vocation. He attended South Side High School (now St. Mary's High School) where he met Bro. Eugene Streckfus, who introduced

him to Marianist life.

Bob entered the postulate in July 1938 at Maryhurst in Kirkwood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. He entered the novitiate at the same location in August 1939. He professed first vows on August 15, 1940.

After graduating from the University of Dayton in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in education, Bro. Bob began teaching at McBride High School in St. Louis. During his three year stay at McBride, he professed perpetual vows on July 18, 1945.

Bro. Bob moved south to San Antonio in 1946 to spend a year teaching at Central Catholic High School. He returned to St. Louis in 1947, where he spent the next 13 years teaching at DeAndreis, McBride and Coyle High Schools. He earned a master's degree in history from Saint Louis University in 1951.

Bro. Bob primarily taught religion, English, social studies and mechanical drawing. He moderated school newspapers and yearbooks, the student council and photo clubs. He also served as a treasurer and business manager for the schools.

Fr. Joe Uvietta was a student of Bro. Bob's at Central Catholic. He remembers him as an excellent and fair teacher who also excelled at his role as yearbook moderator. Fr. Joe said Bro.

Bob took the students on a field trip to watch how the yearbooks were printed so they could learn more about the process.

“He was a very dedicated teacher, and very dedicated to the order,” Fr. Uvietta said.

While serving at Coyle in the 1950s, in addition to his teaching duties, Bro. Bob oversaw the construction of St. John Vianney High School in Kirkwood. In the 1960s, he helped with the planning and construction of Roncalli High School in Pueblo, Colorado, and Daniel J. Gross High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bro. Francis Heyer said Bro. Bob’s meticulous nature helped him in these projects. He also remembered Bro. Bob as someone who never thought he was too important to help maintain the various facilities at which he worked.

“He was very professional and well-organized,” Bro. Heyer said. “Whatever he did, he did very thoroughly.”

Bro. Robert worked for two years as a teacher and administrator at St. John Vianney when it opened in 1960. He then moved to Chaminade High School in St. Louis for a four-year stay as a teacher and administrator.

From 1966 until 1976, Bro. Bob served as the assistant treasurer and treasurer for the Marianists’ St. Louis Province.

After his ministry at the Provincial office, Bro. Bob served two years at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. He returned to St. Louis in 1978 to serve as a teacher and administrator at St. Mary’s High School. Bro. Bob earned his master’s degree in theology from Saint Louis University in 1979.

He served as president of Chaminade High School in St. Louis from 1981 until 1987, followed by three years at Vianney High School.

Bro. Bob loved serving at Marianist schools. “At alumni reunions,” Bro. Bob said in 2010, “meeting again some of the men who as boys had been students in my classes, and hearing them speak of how much they valued their Marianist education, I’m grateful to have been able to assist in their formation.”

In 1990 he moved back to Texas, where he would spend nine years at St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Fort Worth.

In 1999, Bro. Bob returned to St. John Vianney’s campus where he lived at the Curé of Ars community. He wrote in 2000: “Here, the site where I began life as a Marianist, I am enjoying semi-retirement in the company of my brothers.”

Bro. Bob moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio in September 2008, where he spent the remainder of his life.

“So in these last years of a truly happy life that I’ve had as a Marianist religious,” Bro. Bob said in 2010, “I am grateful for my vocation and for the many dedicated men with whom I have been privileged to live and work.”

May he rest in peace.