

Brother Laurent STÉPHAN was born on 17 February 1913 at Plomeur (Finistère, France), entered the novitiate on 15 August 1928, died on 10 May 2007 at Josselin at the age of 94, having spent 79 years in religious life. As a child,



Laurent attended the school of the Brothers and heard God's call there. He was first appointed to Locronan where, while attending to his class he prepared for his higher certificate. After his military service, he was named to St-Pol-de-Léon. Called up in 1939 he became a prisoner of war the following year but was soon released for health reasons and found himself again at St-Pol-de-Léon. There he worked at the promotion of the Breton language. After many years spent at Douarnenez where he became director and at Pleyben, he came once more to St-Pol-de-Léon where he became a builder. Named to Landerneau he resumed teaching and launched into new activities. At retiring time, he chose Chateaulin.

Brother Henri DENOVAL was born on 20 April 1914 at Sérent (Morbihan, France), entered the novitiate on 24 August 1930, died on 12 August at Josselin at the age of 93, having spent 77 years in religious life.



The second youngest in a family of 10 children, Henri answered the Lord's call when still very young. After his years of formation, he was stationed at the Saints-Anges school of Pontivy, then at the La Mennais school of Poermel where he taught the top class; after a few years he introduced a Modern B.A. section which was very successful. After the year of second novitiate, he went to Pontivy for six years and then returned to La Mennais of Ploermel whose director he became in 1957. There he gave proof of being an enlightened and dynamic school head, and a great increase in the number of pupils followed. He then moved to Gingamp where he picked up various occupations, notably that of music teacher; he did marvels by the creation and the direction of a children's choir. Having reached retirement age, he chose to remain on the spot and help with various tasks.

Brother Gérard BRODEUR (Fernand-Gérard) was born on 19 May 1934 at Cowansville (Québec), entered the novitiate of Oka on 15 August 1951, died in Montreal on 9 June 2007 at the age of 73, having spent 55 years in religious life.



Brother Gérard began his long and fruitful career in the field of education at the school of St Pierre-Claver in Montreal; he then taught at the juniorates of Philipsburg and of La Prairie. He pursued higher religious studies, after which he filled the positions of director general, of educational administrator, in various institutions: Saint-Pierre-Claver, Montreal, Jean de la Mennais College, La Prairie, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes school, Longueuil, St Jean-Baptiste boarding school, Philipsburgh, the Mother House, La Prairie. To his qualities as teacher and administrator were added his attention to others and his devotedness at their service. Starting in 2001, he was much occupied with the transport of sick Brothers to the various hospitals of the Montreal area, a task he carried out with great solicitude and a remarkable thoughtfulness. Brother Gérard leaves an eloquent witness of a love of God at the service of the youth and of his Brothers.

Brother Henri BLAIS (Canisius-Joseph) was born on 29 November 1916 at Saint-Paul-de-Montmagny (Quebec), entered the novitiate of La Prairie on 15 August 1932, died on 5 August 2007 at the age of 90, having spent 75 years in religious life.



Br Henri taught at Buckingham and Gatineau before being appointed to the formation of postulants as teacher, sub-director and then director from 1940 to 1962. He then went back to teaching for some 15 years at the comprehensive school of Jean-Jacques-Bertrand, Farnham, then at the boarding school of Mont-la-Mennais, Oka, from 1981 to 1991. An outstanding educator, he left a clear mark on the young men who in turn greatly admired him. It was said of Br Henri that he was one of these homely men who always kept alive in him the traditional virtues of popular wisdom, of great honesty and the awareness of God. Serenity was the hallmark of his prayerful faith and of his entire availability. For him all in his existence was willed by Providence.

Brother Robert Francoeur was born in Fall River, MA, USA on February 3, 1923. He entered the novitiate of the Brothers at LaPrairie, QC, Canada on August 15, 1938. He died in North Canton, OH on August 15, 2007 at the age of 84 of which 69 in religious life.



Brother Robert had an illustrious academic career achieving various degrees and a Ph.D. from various Universities. He studied at Universities in Canada, the United States, France and Switzerland. He excelled as a teacher and administrator. He was one of the founders of Walsh University, its first Academic Dean and its second President. He taught philosophy and business classes for over 47 years at Walsh University. Although his career as a religious teaching Brother was mainly at Walsh, his entire life was a true representative of Christ striving to bring dignity and knowledge to those around him.

Brother Pius Kihuru, was born in Lusonga- Songea (Tanzania) on February 5, 1952. He entered novitiate on January 1, 1975 at Kisubi. He died in Peramiho (Tanzania) on 25th June 2007 at the age of 55 after 32 years in religious life.



Br Pius was a dean of the Tanzanian Brothers. He was totally committed to his religious family and to education in Tanzania. He filled numerous outstanding posts: Majengo secondary School - Moshi, St Anthony's Secondary Scholl-Dar es Salaam and Duluti secondary School-Arusha as a founder and developer of the only Brothers' school in Tanzania.

Br Pius died at Peramiho hospital after a short illness while he was on journey to celebrate the anniversary of the death of his mother.

Brother Camille BOURNIVAL (Stanislas-Étienne) was born on 8 October 1919 at Shawinigan (Québec), entered the novitiate of Pointe-du-Lac on 15 August 1935, died on 3 September 2007 at the age of 88, having spent 72 years in religious life.



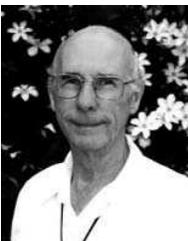
After some ten years teaching in the region of Mauricie and of St-Romuald, some of them in the juniorates, Brother Camille was named between 1950 and 1975 successively head of Saint- Coeur-de-Marie school, then Arvida, Alma and Chandler. Then it was at Dolbeau that he was engaged in administration: assistant provincial of the Province of Saint-Jean, than superior and director general of the Saint-Jean mother-house. He also engaged in pastoral vocation work. Brother Camille leaves the remembrance of a man of deep religious convictions. All remember his kindness, his generosity, his discretion, his attentiveness to people, his predilection for the least gifted and his cordial way of welcoming everyone.

Brother Antonio (Abundio Poza RAMOS) was born at Llanillo de Valdelucio (Burros, Spain) on 11 July 1928, entered the novitiate of Nanclares on 15 August 1943 and died at Bilbao on 2 October 2007 at the age of 79, having spent 64 years in religious life.



A lot of good things could be said of Brother Antonio. For lack of space we cannot reproduce the numerous testimonies of his former pupils of Madrid, of Portugaleta and of other colleges who benefited from his excellent teaching and his edifying example, as well as those of the Brothers who were taught by him at Nanclares. Brother Antonio was an exemplary Mennaisian Brother, a fully dedicated religious and teacher. A fine confrere and hard worker, simple and humble as well as cordial and welcoming. In his various relations with pupils, he was always even-tempered, acting firmly and with authority. His courses were given with clarity and precision. He was a great educational man. Not only did he give proof of great knowledge (he had the reputation of being intelligent and studious) but he had the art of passing on his knowledge.

Brother Réal Dion (Donat), born on 2nd October 1935 at Saint-Gervais, Bellechasse (Quebec), entry into the Novitiate of Pointe-du-Lac on 15th August 1952, died in the Canapé-Vert hospital, Port-au-Prince (Haiti) on 8th September 2007, at the age of 72 years of which 55 of religious life.



After teaching for one year at Saint-Alexandre (Quebec), Brother Réal Dion went to Haiti in 1956. He spent fifty years as a teacher at Cap-Haitien, Jérémie, Ounaminthe, Port-au-Prince, Petit-Goave, and Pétienville where he became Headmaster of Saint-Joseph school. In 1977, the Superiors entrusted him with the direction of the new Juvenate of Pétienville where he served for fifteen consecutive years. That is where he showed his qualities as a Formator and a charismatic educator. *"A man of prayer, of meditation, of adoration, an all-rounder, practical, realist, compassionate, he was able to hold the two ends of the rope by reconciling the spiritual with the temporal, to such an extent that some members of his Community used to call him a saint on earth"* (Father Joseph Appolinaire Frédéric, O.M.I., Funeral homily).

Brother Alberto (Ramon Gomez JUNQUERO) was born at Reinosa (Cantabria, Spain) on 13 November 1925, entered the novitiate of Nanclares on 21 August 1941, and died at Bilbao on 2 October 2007 at the age of 81, having spent 66 years in religious life.



After a few years of teaching in various colleges, he completed his formation by university studies, in philosophy in Madrid and in theology at the >Jesus Magister= in Rome. Obedience then took him to Nanclares where he assumed the direction of the scholasticate. During no less that 16 years Brother Alberto dedicated himself to the formation of the young scholastics, a period of essential service to the Province of Spain. He became Provincial from 1976 to 1982, then Assistant General from 1982 to 1988. That same year 1988 he returned to teaching, first at the Menesiano in Madrid for six years and then at the Aguilar de Campoo college for another six years. Brother Alberto always gave proof of a man of will, available, intelligent and hard-working. His lessons were carefully prepared. As a specialist in philosophy and in theology he gave all of himself to his teaching and his students.

Brother Joseph ÉON was born on 1 March 1932 at Prinquiau (Loire-Atlantique, France), entered the novitiate of Jersey on 15 August 1949, died at St-Georges-sur-Loire on 22 September 2007 at the age of 75, having spent 58 years in religious life.



Joseph was the first in a family of four children. He entered the novitiate at Jersey and completed his formation time at Ploermel. He was appointed in turn to Nantes, to St-Nazaire, to Guérande, to Nozay where he was director of the college, then to La Pommeraye in Anjou where he remained when the time came for retiring from active life. Gifted with a keen intelligence and an infallible memory, he took an interest in everything, especially in literature and in history. The war in Algeria to which he was called for two years left a deep mark on him. He maintained close links with those who were part of the same trial. As their secretary, a work which he fulfilled for many years, he kept on devoting himself without reserve to their service. His attitude, at first apparently distant, hid a great heart, full of the noblest convictions.

Brother Paul-Émile LALANNE (Sébastien-Eugène) was born on 17 July 1919 at Sainte- Sabine (Québec), entered the novitiate on 2 February 1936 and died on 2 November 2007 at the age of 88, having spent 71 year in religious life.



The active teaching career of Brother Paul-Émile lasted from 1939 to 1976. He taught in various schools around Montreal, as well as at Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, at Buckingham, at Mascouche and at Gatineau. He spent a remarkable stage of twelve years as assistant director of Honoré-Mercier secondary school and also at Notre-Dame du Bon-Secours, both Montreal schools. Nearly everywhere he was posted, he organised and directed boys= choirs with great competence. His great sensitivity and his tactfulness were shown in his compassion for the persons he met, his kindness to his confreres and his delicateness in dealing with pupils. In the very simple life of Brother Paul-Émile one could perceive the desire for perfection, the gift of self to the Lord and to others.