

Biddeford, ME. Versatility and willingness to best serve his Congregation by teaching the poor has been the hallmark of Brother Roger Monfette's commitment as a Brother of Christian Instruction. On Nov. 21, 2007, he died at St. Andre's Nursing Home in Biddeford, at the age of 74, completing 56 years of religious life.

After teaching 16 years in FIC schools, Br. Roger showed special concern for the poor and disadvantaged of Rhode Island, Kentucky and New Mexico. He started the 1990-91 school year as a Vista volunteer in the hollows of David, KT. Later in 1993 he taught at San Miguel Elementary for inner city youth, in Providence, RI. The principal, a LaSalle Brother observed: "It is wonderful to have a man who loves kids and enjoys teaching so much." He found teaching Zuni Indian children of New Mexico more challenging in 1998.

In all the schools where he taught he enjoyed an excellent reputation as an effective teacher with an artistic bend, flexibility, willingness to try new undertakings and hard work. He readily achieved professional success.

He is the only brother who taught in 8 different states and 3 different countries, a record few brothers can



Brother Roger Monfette 1933-2007 Missionary to the Poor, Near and Far

In Providence, RI, Br. Roger Monfette taught the disadvantaged at San Miguel School (above).

On Oct. 6, the Shaker Museum opened a refurbished room exhibiting Shaker artifacts and memorabilia (below).

match. He spent 16 of his 40 years in the classroom of New York and Maine. He dedicated himself for two years in Newport, VT.

Fluent in French, he taught in Dolbeau Quebec (Canada), and lived in Tokyo, Japan, where he was principal of St Mary's International School. Recently he has been involved in volunteer work for Food for the Poor in Florida and as receptionist at Goodall Hospital in Sanford, ME.

Born the son of Antonio Monfette and Eva Grenier, he was one of three children. He is survived by his sister, Jeannette Monfette of Spring Hill, Fla.

The mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated by Brother Theodore Letendre and Father Armand Neault at Notre Dame Chapel in Alfred on November 24; interment was in the Brothers' Cemetery.

