

Brother Seán D. Sammon, FMS
November 26, 1947 – September 9, 2022
(Obituary from the Marist Brothers)

Brother Seán D. Sammon, FMS died on Friday, September 9, 2022 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. He was 74 years old and in his 56th year of Marist religious life.

Seán Sammon was born in Manhattan, New York City on November 26, 1947. He was the son of Matthew and Mary Bradley Sammon. After attending St. Vincent Ferrer elementary school in Manhattan, he began studies in 1961 at St. Agnes Boys High School, also in Manhattan which was staffed by the Marist Brothers. The following year he continued his high school education at the Marist Juniorate in Cold Spring-on-Hudson, NY. Upon graduation in 1965, he entered St. Joseph Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and pronounced his first vows in 1967. He then went to the Marist Brothers' Scholasticate at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY and graduated with a BA in Psychology in 1970.

Brother Seán began his ministry as a Guidance Counselor at St. Agnes Boys High School in New York City. While he was at St. Agnes, in addition to his duties at the school, he received an MA in Psychology from the New School for Social Research and then an MA in General Psychology from Fordham University. He made his final profession of vows in 1981. In 1981 he also received a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Fordham University and worked in ministries as a licensed psychologist in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

In 1987, Brother Seán was elected as Provincial of the Marist Brothers' Poughkeepsie Province. During his term as Provincial, he served as President of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, (CMSM). In 1993, at the General Chapter of the Marist Brothers in Rome, he was elected to an eight-year term as Vicar General and at the 2001 General Chapter he was elected Superior General of the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. He served as Superior General until 2009 during which time he oversaw the work of 4,000 Brothers ministering in 79 countries. During this period, he established a relationship between the Marist Brothers and the United Nations Human Rights Council, oversaw the expansion of the Marist Brothers in Asian countries following the wishes of the then Pope John Paul II in the *Mission Ad Gentes* program and was invited as the only Brother to serve on the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Throughout his life, Brother Seán was a writer and scholar. He wrote several books on psychology, religious life and spirituality. He received awards for these efforts from the Catholic Press Association and the National Religious Vocation Conference's Outstanding Recognition Award. He was also the recipient of the St. Edmund's Medal of Honor from the Edmundite Fathers and Brothers for his contributions to the Catholic Church.

After finishing his term as Superior General, Brother Seán returned to the USA and in 2010 went to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY as a member of the Board of Trustees and Scholar in Residence at Marist. There he continued his work with young people as well as contributing to the development of many programs at Marist. In 2017, he was also appointed as Novice Director for the Marist Brothers' USA Province.

In addition to his many experiences, contributions and accomplishments, Seán was a simple, loving and caring person. He deeply loved his family and his fellow Marist Brothers and had a gift of showing that care and concern to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, yet those who knew him will be forever grateful for his presence in their lives.

Brother Seán is survived by his brother, Brother Hank Sammon, FMS, his sister Moira Magro and her husband Michael, his niece Jessica, her husband Karn and grandnieces Michaela and Ava, his nephew Christopher, his wife Maria, grandnephew Michael and grandniece Mariella. He is also survived by his Marist Brothers.

Oh, what consolation we have, when about to appear before God, to remember that we have lived in the favor of Mary, and in her own Society. – St. Marcellin Champagnat

Brother Seán's Funeral arrangements are as follows: -

Friday September 16, 2022
Marist College
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel

Viewing 10:00am – 11:00am

Funeral Mass 11:15am

Internment at a later date.

The Mass will be livestreamed on the Marist College Webpage www.marist.edu

In Lieu of Flowers, Donations may be sent to: -

The Br. Sean Sammon Solidarity Fund
c/o Marist Brothers Development Office
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