

Brother Patrick O'Hara MSC

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Brother Patrick O'Hara, MSC, member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, USA Province, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2008. He was born in Chicago, IL, on October 30, 1943, to Raymond Thomas and Margaret Annie (Keenan) O'Hara, now both deceased.

He graduated from St. Theodore Parochial School in Chicago in 1957. In the fall of that year, he entered Sacred Heart Mission Seminary, Geneva, IL, where Br. Pat received his secondary education. He began his postulancy and novitiate training in Geneva in 1961, making first profession of vows in 1963. From the beginning of his postulancy until 1971 he worked as a printer at Geneva. In 1969, he made his profession of perpetual vows.

From 1971-72, Br. Pat was prefect of discipline, sports director and religious education teacher at Geneva. He taught religious education, from 1972-73, in St. Charles, IL. In preparation for being assigned to the

missions of the society in Papua New Guinea, from 1973-74, he studied business skills at the International Business School, in Aurora, IL. Upon assignment to the missions in Papua New Guinea, he became staff assistant to the office manager at the offices of the Diocese of Kavieng, which comprises the Island of New Ireland and associated islands, from 1974-77. After this Br. Pat was provincial bursar of the new local province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and also bursar at De Boismenu College, in Port Moresby, from 1977-80. He was then assigned as bursar at Holy Spirit Seminary in Port Moresby. In 1986, he returned to the MSC Center at Kopkop in the Diocese of Kavieng on the Island of New Ireland where he assisted with renewal programs and the financial accounting of the Center.

During 1986, probation was introduced into the criminal justice system in New Ireland Province. Br. Pat had been a volunteer probation officer from the beginning. He worked very closely with the court and welfare department in Kavieng. Since 1987, Br. Pat served on the boards of management (governors) of both the local government high school and the Catholic high school. In 1990, he became chairman of the board for the government high school, a position he held until 2000. In 1991, he was asked to be consultant to the catholic education secretary of the Kavieng Diocese.

Due to poor health, Br. Pat returned to the USA Province in 2004. After a short stay in Aurora, IL, he took up residence at St. John Vianney Renewal Centre in Missouri. He died suddenly this past Saturday.

Viewing will be Wednesday, May 21, from 6:30 9:30 p.m., at St Therese of Jesus Parish, 271 N. Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, Illinois, 60505. (630) 898-5422.

The funeral Mass will be Thursday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Therese of

Jesus Parish. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Aurora.
Arrangements were handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake
Street, Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

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May 21, 2008

To family and friends of Patrick.

I knew him for three years at Vianney. We enjoyed watching the Notre Dame football games together.

Patrick was a generous and loving brother. His family and mine were all born at St. Bernard's Hospital in Chicago.

Bro. Richard Shea, CSC