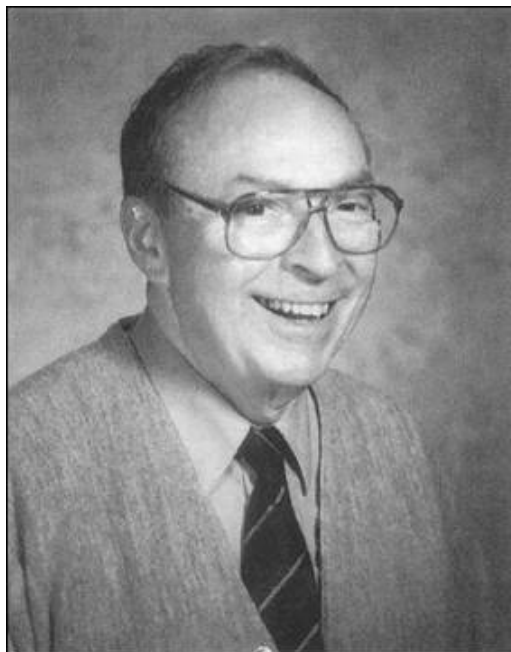


# Brother Declan Murray fms

**21 October 1932 — 15 February 2011**

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**Mass of Christian Burial**

**18 February 2011**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church**

**Forest Hills, NY**

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31 Oct 1932	Born Philadelphia PA to Kathleen (McCafferty) & William Murray
1947	Juniorate, Ammendale
1950 - 1952	St Joseph Novitiate Tyngsboro MA
1951	Received Religious Habit
1952	Professed First Vows
1952-53	Provincial House, Esopus NY (maintenance)

1954	Marian College, Poughkeepsie NY BA Education
1954-55	Central Catholic HS Lawrence MA(teacher)
1955-61	St Helena now Msgr Scanlon HS, Bronx NY
1957	Profession of Perpetual Vows, Esopus, NY
1961-62	Christopher Columbus HS, Miami, FL (teacher)
1964	Fordham University, Bronx NY (MA Theology)
1962-75	St. Helena HS, Bronx, NY (teacher/director)
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1969-76	Marist Provincial Office Provincial council
1976-2009	Archbishop Molloy HS, Briarwood, NY (teacher)
2009-11	Chamapagnat Hall, Bronx NY (retired)
Died	St Patrick's Home, Bronx NY

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Vince Poisella writes:

I am saddened to hear of Declan's death.

I was a student at St. Helena's in the mid-fifties when I first knew him. Over the years he became the unofficial but steadfast representative at practically every high school reunion held there. When Jane and I were looking for a site for our wedding in June 1970, being unsettled and not having a parish, we arranged to have the event at the Brothers' chapel on the Bronx campus. Walking into the chapel before the event, I

surprised him in his quiet act of kindness. Being the superior of the house at the time, he took it upon himself to mop the floor of the chapel and tidy it up a bit for our ceremony, and he didn't think anything of it: Marist humility, simplicity, and modesty in action. Over the years I would see him irregularly. He would greet me with that twinkle in his eye, a silly little chuckle over something said, and a big smile. I saw him last at the Marist picnic at the Mount, hardly recognizing him but for the inimitable rasp in his voice and the telltale sparkle in his eye. May he rest in peace.



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### **Brother Murray, 78, Taught in the Bronx**

Brother Declan Murray, F.M.S., who taught at St. Helena/Msgr. Scanlan High School in the Bronx, died Feb. 15 at St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx. He was 78.

He taught at St. Helena/Msgr. Scanlan from 1955 to 1975, except for one year, 1961-62, that he spent at a high school in Miami. From 1975 until his retirement in 2009, he taught at Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens. Early in his religious life he taught for a year in Lawrence, Mass.

He served in administration as a member of the Marist Brothers' provincial council of the Province of Esopus.

Born in Philadelphia, he entered the Marist Brothers' novitiate at Tyngsboro, MA in 1950 and professed final vows in 1957. He held a bachelor's degree in education from Marian (now Marist) College and a master's degree in theology from Fordham University.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 18 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Forest Hills, Queens. Burial took place Feb. 19 at the Marist Brothers' Cemetery in Esopus.

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