



*In Loving Memory...*

**Br. Philip Robert  
Ouellette, FMS**

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*Celebrating the Life of*  
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*Born: June 9, 1930*

*Marist Habit: August 15, 1948*

*Died: January 17, 2022*

**We,**

**the Marist Brothers**

**dedicate ourselves**

**to this single aim:**

**to follow Christ**

**as Mary Did**

**We strive for this ideal as a**

**loving community.**

*-Marist Constitutions*

# Remembering Br. Philip Robert Ouellette, FMS

Brother Philip Robert passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Champagnat Hall Residence in the Bronx, New York. He was 91 years old and in his 74th year of Marist religious life.

Brother Philip (Guy Ouellette) was born in Fort Kent, Maine on June 9, 1930, the son of Ned and Leda Ouellette. He studied at St. Joseph's Prep, the Marist Brothers' Juniorate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and upon graduating entered the Marist Novitiate at St. Ann's Hermitage in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1947. He received his habit in 1948 and made first profession of vows in 1949. After first profession, he did his scholasticate at Marist College in Poughkeepsie and graduated with a BS in Spanish in 1953.

He was assigned as a teacher at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts from 1953 to 1956. During this time, he made his final profession of vows in 1954 after his retreat in Esopus, New York. In 1956 he was assigned to St. Ann's Academy in New York City and the following year he moved with the school to Archbishop Molloy High School in Jamaica, Queens, New York. During his time there, he obtained an MA in Spanish from St. John's University in 1960. He remained at Molloy until 1966 when he went to Fribourg, Switzerland for his second novitiate. Upon his return he professed the vow of stability and joined the staff of the novitiate in Esopus, New York. During this time, he founded the Marist Youth Encounter Program which brought alive the Marist mission of Making Jesus Known and Loved among young people and continues to do so today. In 1968 he became Director of Student Brothers at Esopus and also served on the faculty of John A. Coleman High School in Hurley, New York.

Brother became Director of Vocations in 1970 and served in that capacity for seven years. He received a second Master's Degree from St. John's University in Counseling in 1973. He was a member of the Eastern Region Vocation Directors Association and was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association in 1973 and Chairman in 1975.

He was then elected Vice President of NCRVDM (National Conference of Religious Vocation Directors of Men) in 1975 and President in 1976.

He was elected Vice-Provincial of the Esopus Province in 1977 and then Provincial in 1980. He served as Provincial until the General Chapter of 1985 when he was elected to the General Council of Brother Charles Howard, Superior General. He served as General Councilor in Rome until his term ended in 1994 when he returned to the USA to do formation work and was based in Newark, New Jersey. In 1996 he was named Director of International Formation and headed the program in Écully, France until it ended in 1998. Upon his second return to the USA, he worked with a team of Brothers as Parochial Coordinator of a parish in Morefield, West Virginia.

In 2006, Brother Phil participated in the 3rd Age Renewal Program in Manziana, Italy and then went to join the Brothers' community at the House of Prayer in Esopus, New York. In 2008 he became a member of the novitiate community in Esopus and in 2015 he retired to the Brothers' community at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, New York.

*Oh, what consolation we have, when about to appear before God, to remember that we have lived in the favor*



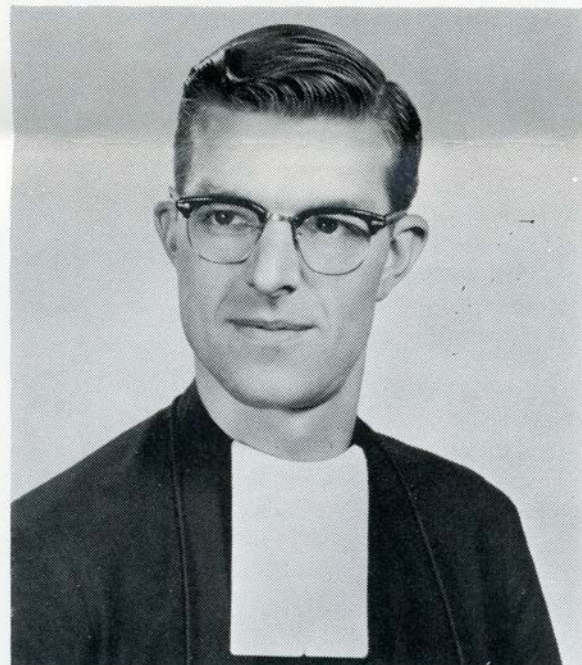


# Br. Phil with his Family





# Early Formation



Brother Philip Robert  
*Spanish 2, 3*  
*French 1, 2*  
Vocations  
Photography



# In His Time as Provincial

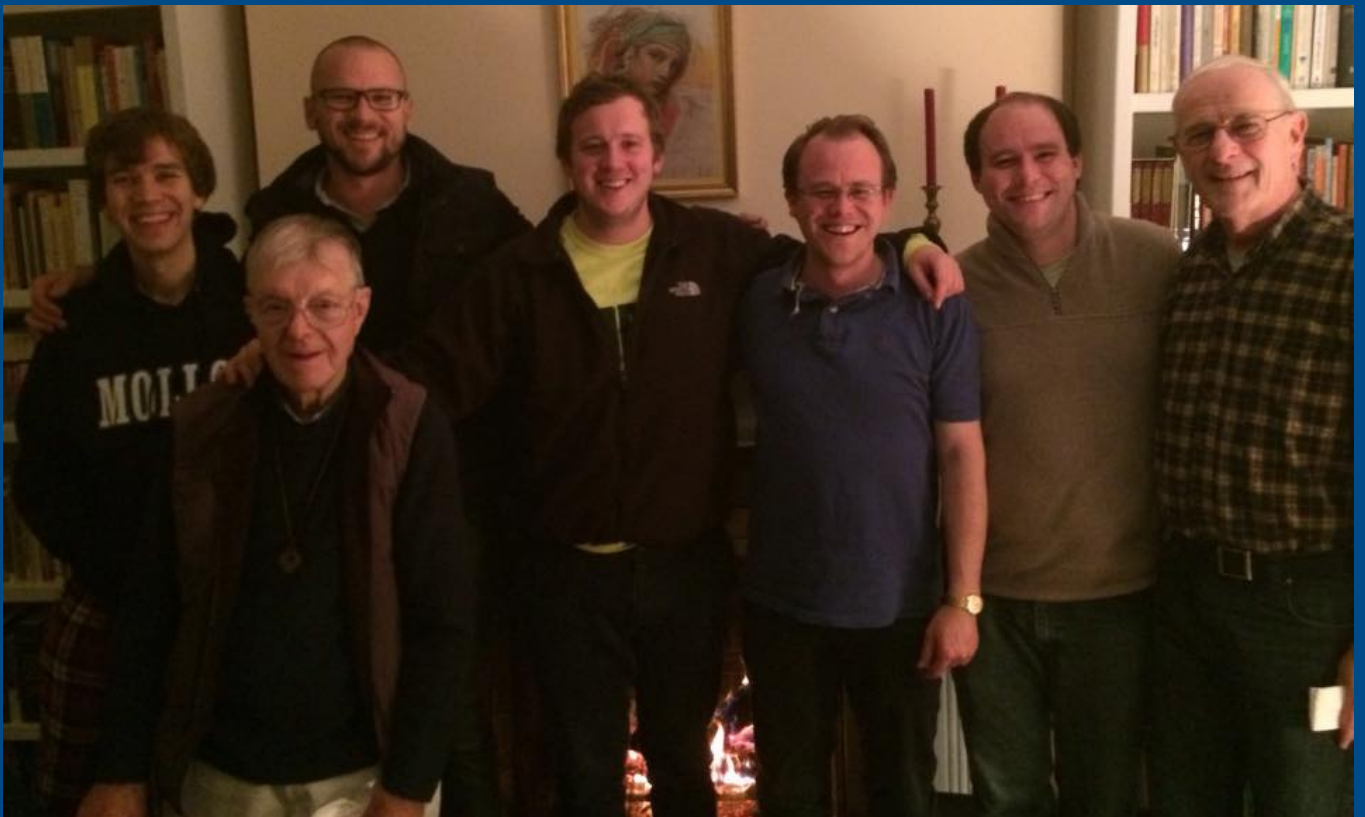




# In His Time as a General Councilor



# In His Time as a Formator





# REMEMBERING PHIL...

May I join with Philip's brother, Ken, and their sisters, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in the US and in Rome, and also with all the Brothers and other friends of Phil as you gather to give thanks for his long and generous Marist life and mission. May your farewells be a time not just of sadness but also of profound thanksgiving and many happy memories.

My close relationship with Phil was developed when we lived in the General Council community in Rome starting in 1985 and then in our travels together to various parts of the Marist world, including, my own New Zealand. When he first met in Rome Phil was finding leaving you all at home quite a personal wrench. It was that which drew us together initially. He spoke so feelingly about so many of you. In that way I came to know many of you before I had even met you personally. I was really inspired by his deep love for his family and his Marist brothers. From then on until I last spoke to him by phone on his 90th birthday our bonds remained really strong.

As I came to know Phil more I grew in appreciation of the depth of his Marist spirituality, his conscientious, hard-working commitment in every aspect of his life, but also his joie de vivre that brought laughter and celebration to those around him when any occasion warranted them, especially in our Council meetings and community.

His contribution to the General Council was invaluable. Charles Howard appreciated the intense effort and integrity with which he had previously carried out his responsibilities as Province Leader, and his dedicated experience in the area of formation. The fact that he spoke Spanish fluently too made him a skilled and sensitive bridgebuilder between the Anglo members of the Council and the Spanish-speaking Provinces when the new Formation Guide was being promoted. He became a popular visitor to those Provinces, and helped sort out a number of problems. And it was those abilities also which led to his being named Director of the International Formation Program in Lyon some time after he had finished on the Council – a task he confided in me he found very challenging.

Dear Phil, your living out of the Gospel, "following Jesus as Mary did" made you a loving and lovable brother to so many of us. Rest now in the peace in the Divine Community of the Trinity, and in the company of your parents, your brothers, and friends in your final homeland, and pray for us who continue to await the same gracious call inspired by the heart-warming example you have left us.

Arrivederci e con affetto, fratello

Richard Dunleavy





