



Brother Maurice Wilson

1925-2016

Brother Maurice joined the Alexian Brothers in 1946 and graduated from the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing in Chicago in 1952, and professed his perpetual vows in 1954.

He served as Director of the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing for 15 years during the 1950s and 1960s, and during that time championed the cause of men in nursing at a time when nursing was considered a female occupation in the United States. A total of 438 men graduated from the School of Nursing during his tenure as Director there, including many graduates who later became nurse anesthetists and physicians.

In 1969 Brother Maurice became Director of the Alexian Brothers Mobile Health Project in Walterboro, S.C. serving the poor. He served in many Alexian Brothers' leadership roles until in 1982, he was assigned to the Alexian Brothers mobile outreach clinic at their Health and Wellness Center in the Philippines. "Brother Maurice always felt called to live at the margins with the people who are marginalized," said colleague Brother Dan. "He truly lived a call to the poor and powerless wherever he found it. He did the work, he was faithful to his vocation, and he was present to the people." He relished his direct personal contact with the patients, as well as the warmth, humor and spirituality of the Filipino people.

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