

Brother Joseph Clark: director of vocations

Brother Joseph Mark Clark, director of vocations for the Christian Brothers in New Rochelle, died Sunday at Westchester County Medical Center after a heart attack. He was 56.

Born Dec. 2, 1929, in the Bronx to John Joseph and Margaret Sheehy Clark, he entered the Christian Brothers after his graduation from Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle in 1948.

From 1953 to 1962, he was a history teacher in several Catholic schools, including Iona Prep, Sacred Heart in Manhattan and Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J.

Brother Paul Hennessy, a former classmate of Brother Clark and the provincial superior of the Eastern American Province, said Monday that Brother Clark was "a most energetic, warm and caring person. He will be greatly missed by his Brothers and many former

students."

In 1962, Brother Clark was appointed principal of Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, where he remained until his appointment in 1967 as Novice Master for the Christian Brothers' Eastern Province.

After five years in that post, he returned to teaching at Iona College, Power Memorial Academy in Manhattan, Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle and Bishop Kearney High School. He was appointed director of vocations for the Eastern Province in 1984.

In addition, he was an elected delegate to the Provincial Chapters of the Eastern American Province in 1968 and 1977.

Brother Clark is survived by his mother, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Lennon of Nanuet, N.Y.

Three brothers, John Jr., Thomas and James, died earlier.