



Brother Kevin Stanislaus

Bartley Vincent Mackey

May 26, 1915 – August 22, 2008

Bartley Vincent Mackey was born on May 26, 1915, the son of Thomas and Eleanor O'Connor Mackey in Chicago, Illinois. He had five brothers: Thomas, William, John, Bernard, and James, and one sister who later became Sister Mary Martin Mackey, B.V.M.

Bart attended St. Gertrude Grammar School in Chicago where he graduated in 1929. In the fall of that year he entered St. George High School under the watchful eye of the Christian Brothers. He loved the school and he quickly became attracted to the lifestyle of the Brothers. By the end of his first year he was determined to make application to the Juniorate. 1930 was a year filled with many events in Bart's life. He had made the decision to enter the Brothers and to leave St. George High School while he and his family mourned the death of his mother, Eleanor Mackey.

On February 1, 1930, Bart entered the Juniorate program at La Salle Institute in Glencoe, Missouri. For the next three and a half years he studied and excelled in the program. He was an excellent student and the religious routine of the program suited him well. In May of 1933 he completed his high school education at La Salle and a month later on June 15, 1933, he entered the Novitiate. There on August 29, 1933, he received the habit of the Brother and the religious name of Brother Kevin Stanislaus. While the Novitiate was more devoted to the development of his spiritual life, Kevin did begin some college courses. Upon the

completion of his Novitiate year he professed his first vows and moved into the Scholasticate building at La Salle Institute. There for the next year he began in-depth course work for his undergraduate degree through Manhattan College in New York.

One year later, 1935, Kevin and his classmates were off to Winona, Minnesota, and St. Mary's College, where he would continue studies in his major of English and Latin, taking minors in French, history and mathematics. By the time he completed his degree he had taken over 65 hours in Latin, German, Greek and French. He was awarded his B.A. degree from St. Mary's at the 1937 commencement.

After a brief home visit and his annual retreat, Kevin was off to his first teaching assignment at De La Salle Academy in Kansas City, Missouri. He taught English, Religion and Latin, volunteered to help out in the CCD program [Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – religion courses taught to Catholic students attending public schools] and the school chorus. He also volunteered to help coach, an extracurricular he would maintain throughout his entire career. He experienced great success in the classroom.

In 1940 he was transferred north to Boys Town outside of Omaha, Nebraska. Here he taught mathematics as well as Religion and English but maintained his coaching interests with the boys. He also was a counselor for the young men and greatly enjoyed this role.

In 1944 he was assigned to live in the Brothers Community at Christian Brothers High School in St. Louis, Missouri. During this year he took courses at St. Louis University toward his M.A. degree. He did not complete the course work but the following year was assigned to St. Peter High School in Jefferson City Missouri, and during the summer months continued his work at St. Louis University.

Now a seasoned teacher, he coached, worked part-time in the business office of the school, and taught his usual regimen of Religion, English and mathematics classes. At St. Peter's he had his first and only chance to coach "varsity" football, a memory he treasured all his lifetime.

He remained at St. Peter's for one year before being transferred back to De La Salle Academy in Kansas City where at the young age of 31, he was named Principal and Director. *"In those days, administration was not really considered a full time job; most administrators taught a regular schedule and ran the office in what spare time they could find,"* he said. *"I pretty much did the same thing."* Kevin taught his usual Latin, English and mathematics classes over the years there and also occupied himself with the CCD program and *"of course,"* athletics. During his time in Kansas City he completed his work for his M.A. at St. Louis University and the degree was awarded him in 1947

After six years at De La Salle, Kevin was transferred to Cretin High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1952, where he was to serve as Assistant Principal and where he would eventually become Principal. He taught Religion and English and performed his administrative duties, always leaving time enough to work in the CCD program and coach when possible. For ten years he labored diligently to build the academic and athletic programs of the school and was pleased with his success by the time he received his next

assignment in the fall of 1962.

Kevin was happy to be assigned to his home town of Chicago at St. Mel's High School. He was even more delighted to return "*full time to the classroom.*" For the next three years he immersed himself in his teaching duties and said he "*gained a new respect for the classroom teachers after having been in administration for so many years.*" Also during these years he took guidance courses at La Salle College in Philadelphia in 1964 and workshops in CCD work at Shawnee, Oklahoma and at St. Mary's College, in California in 1964 and 1965.

Kevin's respite from administration was not to last long when, in 1965, he was called back into service as Principal of De La Salle Institute in Chicago. Over the next two years he did manage to teach a Latin and a mathematics class, and to counsel students, one of his favorite duties. In 1967 he moved to Lewis University to work with a student scholars program.

He was drafted back into administrative service in 1969 when Providence High School in New Lenox, Illinois, was in need of a Principal. He served there one year before ending his administrative career and returning full time to the classroom.

In the fall of 1970 he accepted a teaching position at St. Paul High School in Chicago where he served for seven "*wonderful years.*" In 1978 he was asked to move to Central Catholic in Muskegon, Michigan, where in 1980 he celebrated his 65th birthday.

Determined not to retire yet, he moved to Driscoll Catholic High School in 1980 and continued teaching until he was 74 years of age. He retired in 1989 but remained in the Driscoll Community for the next 19 years until his health needs necessitated his move to Resurrection Life Center in Chicago. Brother Kevin died there on August 22, 2008, at the age of 93, having been a De La Salle Christian Brother for 75 years, longer than the lifespan of many Brothers in the Midwest District.

"I had always been attracted to the service of God," he said, "this desire and conviction was solidified by my experiences with the Brothers at St. George High School when I was a student."

Tour of Duty

De La Salle Academy, Kansas City, Missouri	1937-1940
Boys Town, Boys Town, Nebraska	1940-1944
Christian Brothers College High School, St. Louis, Missouri	1944-1945
St. Peter High School, Jefferson City, Missouri	1945-1946
De La Salle Academy, Kansas City, Missouri	1946-1952
Cretin High School, St. Paul, Minnesota	1952-1962
St. Mel High School, Chicago, Illinois	1962-1965

De La Salle Institute, Chicago, Illinois	1965-1967
Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois	1967-1969
Providence High School, New Lenox, Illinois	1969-1970
St. Paul High School, Chicago, Illinois	1970-1977
Central Catholic High School, Muskegon, Michigan	1977-1980
Driscoll High School, Addison, Illinois	1980-1989
Driscoll High School Community, Addison, Illinois	1989-2008
Resurrection Life Center, Chicago, Illinois	2008-2008

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