

Br. Thomas (John L.) SLOAN 74 USA PR
* July 25, 1917 Philadelphia

+ March 3, 1993 Cornwells

He entered the Cornwells junior seminary in 1939 and made his vows on July 16, 1944 at Ridgefield, CT. After three years in Ferndale, he transferred to the Spiritan Brotherhood and renewed his vows on October 11, 1947.

He served successively at Cornwells, Ferndale and Ann Arbor, MI, earning much praise for his efficient and devoted work.

In 1956 he became the first Brother to be assigned to the Spiritan mission in Puerto Rico. He was placed there in Arecibo as receptionist in the busy rectory of San Felipe.

Returning to the USA in 1964, he worked again in Ferndale, where he became active also in the then much-discussed question of the recruitment and training of candidates for the Brotherhood. From 1970 on, he served also as bursar of the house.

In the hope of being able to work again among Spanish-speaking people, he transferred in 1976 to the USA-West Province. When this did not work out, he went back to Ferndale as secretary to the superior. He also undertook the work of collecting and selling postage stamps for our missions in Africa and Puerto Rico.

When Ferndale was closed in 1979, he went to St. Catherine's, Little Compton, RI, to render what little services he still could. He continued there as the "stamp man" and wrote devotional and promotional articles and brochures. It was his way of showing his solidarity with the Congregation.

Officially retired in 1987, he began to reside in Cornwells' Spiritan Hall one year later, still carrying on with his Mission Stamp Bank. He even needed an assistant to keep up with that work.

A heart attack took the devoted Brother away in that locality. Interment took place in the Cornwells community cemetery.

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