

Br. Matthew (Charles) MOLLOY 82 USA
* Nov. 16, 1905 Rahan-Tullamore,
Co. Offaly, IRL

+ May 30, 1987, Pittsburgh

He attended school in his hometown till 1922 and then worked as a farmer there for five years. In 1927 he migrated to the USA and found work at a Brooklyn oil refinery. Desirous of entering the religious life as a Brother, he applied to the Congregation. He knew about it because his cousin Jim Grennan, then still a senior scholastic at Blackrock belonged to it.

Admitted to Ferndale, he made his profession July 16, 1931, and continued to work there as a farmer till 1939. This appointment was followed by thirteen years in Cornwells, tending the grounds and gardens. In 1952 he went to St. Emma Academy, Powhatan, VA, to assist in the management and the work of the extensive and diverse farming operations on this 1800 acre property.

The year 1960 saw him arrive in the newly opened collegiate seminary of Bethel Park, where forty acres of raw land needed to be landscaped and cultivated. He worked there for twenty-three years and celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession in 1981.

Officially retired in 1983, he stayed in Bethel, still "puttering" around a little as long as he could. The following year, needing more care, he entered the Vincentian Home in Pittsburgh. He died there of Alzheimer's and heart disease. Burial was in the community plot of the St. Mary's cemetery, Sharpsburg, Pa.

Brother did not only always work very hard and conscientiously, but he was above all a deeply spiritual community man and a source of edification for those around him.