

Brother Claver, administrator, 73

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — Brother Peter Claver, SC, a former teacher and administrator in schools of the Sacred Heart brothers in New England and Canada, died yesterday at Fogarty Hospital here. He was 73.

He was founding director of Sacred Heart School in Andover.

He was born Claver Racine in St. Guillaune, Que., one of nine children of the late Reni and Georgianna Racine. The family moved to Woonsocket and he attended parochial schools there before entering the religious life on April 2, 1915.

Brother Claver com-

pleted his juniorate and novitiate studies at St. Hyacinthe, Que., taking his final vows in 1923.

In 1930, he received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Montreal and in 1941, a master's in French literature from Boston College.

He had served alternately as treasurer infirmarian, and superior of Sacred Heart School in Andover since 1970.

In Canada, Brother Claver taught at the Sacred Heart juniorate-novitiate in St. Hyacinthe and at brothers' schools in St. Gabriel de Brandon, Granby and Verdun. In New England, he taught in Manchester, N.H., Central Falls, and in Sharon, Mass.

He began his administrative career in 1938, serving as director of Sacred Heart schools in Sharon, Andover and Central Falls until 1952. He was treasurer of Mt. St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket for four years, before being appointed religious superior at the order's Harrisville novitiate in 1966.

He leaves two nephews, Lionel and Origene Racine, and a niece, Miss Vivien Racine, all of Woonsocket.

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow at 4 in the Sacred Heart brothers' provincial house in Harrisville. Burial will be in the brothers' cemetery.