

**Bro. Robert Flaherty**  
**Celebrating 50 years professed**



I have become a better Marianist as a result of teaching and counseling. It has been a real privilege to serve as a teacher and counselor in a high school over these many years. I can honestly say that I have always looked forward to coming to school on a daily basis. It has been a joy to “serve, rather than to be served!”

From the first day that I set foot in North Catholic High School to the present, all that I am and all that I have become, I owe to my Family and the Society of Mary. Every encounter that I have had with my Brothers and my students has helped me to become both a better person and a better Marianist. The Good Lord and the Blessed Virgin have been vital instruments in my life and through daily prayer I am able to express my gratitude to them for the gift of being a Marianist and living, praying and working with dedicated fellow Brothers in Community.

Little did I know that the novitiate motto that I chose, “launch out into the deep...” would provide me with so many rich, challenging and exciting opportunities for spiritual, academic and professional growth. My life as a Marianist has been gratifying and fulfilling.