



On May 29, 2009, **Ray McCracken** will retire as assistant director of programs at NACMS. His accomplishments at NACMS included mentoring several interns, conducting major research projects—*Lest We Forget* and a study guide on the *Marian Dimension of Church*, shepherding the NACMS Conversation Group and VLC course development, and facilitating many programs for Marianist and diocesan ministries. In a letter to his co-workers and associates Ray wrote: “I recently made the decision to resign my job with NACMS in order to move into whatever it is that God has next for me. My one month stay at the Pecos Monastery last summer brought me to realization that it was time for me to move on, and perhaps retreat work and being a spiritual companion to others was where I was being called.” We congratulate Ray on his many years of service and wish him all the best for the future.