

Bro. Raymond Miklich
Celebrating 60 years of profession



I feel fulfilled as a Marianist helping and working with disadvantaged boys who are troubled and coming from broken homes. I feel as I have helped them in many ways and still am helping them. I find it very rewarding getting along with the boys, staff and religious here at St. John's Residence for Boys.

Of my 60 years as a Marianist, I have spent 52 of them at St. John's Home in Rockaway Park. During this time I have served as a counselor. I also was an umpire and referee in the CYO program of the diocese. I have enjoyed working with the boys and helping them for the last 39 years to shape their futures.

My life has been very interesting. I came to the Society from Cleveland. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, I joined the Marianists. Even in Korea I was interested in helping people. The children around the camp would run around the camp. I gave them jumping ropes, footballs, sticks and tennis balls to play with as well as balls, jacks and chalk so they could play hop scotch. I also would give them candy. I let the older people go behind the train to pick up coal and sort through trash cans to take what the United States had thrown away.

St. John's provided me the chance to continue helping people. Besides St. John's, I have served at Immaculate Conception in Washington, which was my first assignment. I also served at Colegio San José in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, working with the boarders. I have also spent time in service and personal development in Glencoe, Mo.; Greenwood, Va. (the novitiate Rose Hill); and Chaminade Madonna in Hollywood, Fla.