

**Bro. Daniel Stupka**  
**Celebrating 60 years of profession**



We jubilarians have been asked to write our autobiography and answer the question: What has been your most rewarding experience as a Marianist? Without hesitation, I can say the one most rewarding experience for me occurred on Sept. 8, 1950, when I took my first vows. Most of my truly rewarding experiences after that came as a result of taking vows and

becoming a Marianist.

Throughout these almost 60 years, I have entered many high school classrooms and found fulfillment in working with young people in four states and two countries. Whether it was music or English, religion or even business, I enjoyed being with and teaching these young people.

Much the same could be said for my choir work with adults at three different parishes. Perhaps I enjoy my students at one postulate, two novitiates, and one scholasticate even more, though, because I was dealing with the future of the Society of Mary.

Why I have been so much blessed by God in all this work, I do not know. But I do know that it has made a new person of the CLS (Cleveland) grad of 1949 who "tried out" the novitiate and found it was just what he was looking for.

As we prepare to celebrate with much joy our anniversaries as professed Marianists, I feel certain we are all happy to repeat in public our vow formula: "To give glory to the Most Holy Trinity, to honor Mary, and to follow Christ more closely in His saving mission, I, Daniel Stupka, promised to God and vow to observe during my whole life, chastity, poverty, obedience and stability, conformably to the Rule of Life of the Society of Mary."