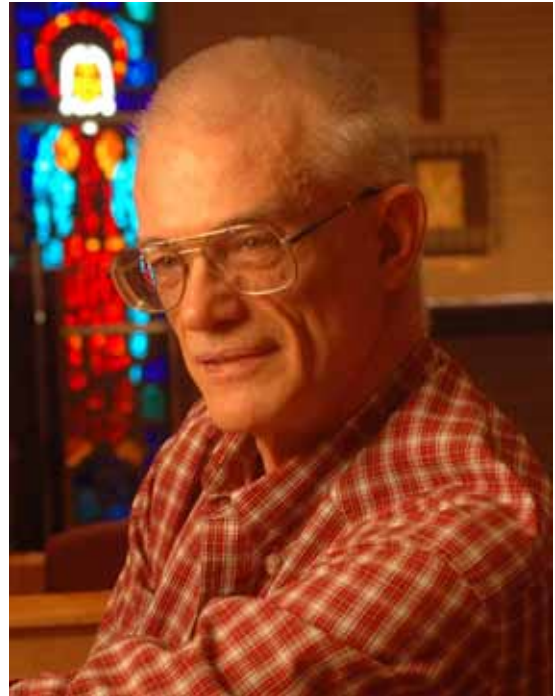


Bro. James Vorndran
50 years of profession

Places you have served, your positions there, and the years of service in each position:

- 1962, Covington Catholic High School, Covington, Ky: teacher of typing, moderator of cheerleaders
- 1962-63, Chaminade High School, Dayton: teacher of religion, moderator of music department, photography club
- 1963-65, Mangu High School, Thika, Kenya: teacher of biology, health science librarian
- 1965-69, Chaminade Secondary School, Karonga, Malawi: teacher of biology, health science, history of Central and Southern Africa, librarian, Malawi Chief Health Science Examiner
- 1969, Martin Luther King Community, Mount St. John: director, student of African History, University of Dayton
- 1970-79, Marianist Novitiate, Dayton: assistant director of novices, director of novices, director of aspirancy and post-novitiate, Province director of Foreign Affairs (4 yrs.)
- 1979-80, Alumni Hall, University of Dayton: sabbatical
- 1980-1985, Trinity Avenue Community, Dayton: director of aspirancy and post-novitiate, community director, business manager
- 1985-96, Marianist Community, Troy Hill, Pittsburgh: studies for bachelor's of science in nursing at Duquesne University, staff nurse, clinical computer instructor at Shadyside Hospital, project manager for computer system selection for Home with Shadyside
- 1996-99, Washington Street Community, Dayton: founder and executive director, Founders Family Center, community director and business manager
- 1999-2005, Duckview Court Community and Dublin Court Communities: community director and business manager, medical coordinator for Marianists in extended care facilities



- 2005-present, Maui Marianist Community, Wailuku, Hawai'i: pastoral assistant

Where are you living now, what are you doing, and how long have you been there?

Living in the Marianist community at St. Anthony Church, Wailuku. Pastoral assistant and retired. Parish representative to FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) of Maui. Involved in work with ex-cons, persons with various types of addictions. Work with Bible study group and charismatic prayer group. Member of Marianist Social Justice Collaborative project team.

How my work as a Marianist has helped to fulfill my life.

For as long as I can remember, I've always been an inquisitive person, eager to learn something new and always willing to accept the challenge of a new project about which I might not know anything. I believe those qualities came from my Mom and Dad. I can still hear my mother saying "Where there's a will, there's a way" or my Dad telling me that it didn't make any difference how bad something seemed to be. "There is always an opportunity. You just have to find it." Being told "it can't be done" simply solidifies my resolve and it usually gets done. As a result, I have rarely turned down a project, whether it was writing grant proposals for a new library, a new biology lab, a new family center or moving ahead with a project which was "impossible" but which finally succeeded. Such personal determination was strengthened along the way by people who were willing to take a risk and support some of my more "unorthodox" ideas such as Joe Stander, Bill Ferree, Don Fahrig, Larry McGervy, George Dury and a number of others to mention only a few.

To the chagrin of many, I have always been outspoken with anyone and everyone including superiors, bishops, politicians and others – and I don't particularly care to take time to carefully couch what I say in diplomacy. I simply say what I think and, if people don't agree, that's okay with me. At least I've said it.

My *work* as a Marianist really has *not* been the major source of my fulfillment. Rather, my life as a Marianist has provided unbelievable opportunities and, thankfully, I have not shied away from them.

All of this, I believe, is a result of being steeped in the writings of the mystics of all faiths and ages – those who have led me to the Kingdom Within where to have nothing is to have everything. In particular I point to the writings of Thomas Merton which gave me my first opening into that realm, and continuing to the present with the

writings of Thomas Keating, Lao Tsu and many contemporary mystics. Through all of this I have come to understand and inculcate the implications of the life of the Virgin of Nazareth in my life and ministry.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the many Marianists who have supported me, my family and friends. To them I will be eternally grateful.