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A MESSAGE

from the Provincial

My Dear Friends,

Water has always played a significant role in the Christian life. At the River Jordan, Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow him. In the Book of Revelation, there is a “great river” that flows from the Throne of the Lamb that brings health and healing to everyone, a striking metaphor for the life of grace. For Father Chaminade, it was by the River Ebro in Saragossa, Spain, that he received the inspiration to renew the faith in France after the French Revolution and to found the Society of Mary, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Marianist Family.

It was by the Ohio River, the Mississippi River and the San Antonio River that the first Marianists in North America brought the Marianist charism. And it was at the Ohio River in downtown Louisville, Ky., that members of the Marianist Province of the United States gathered this summer to discuss the Vision 2020 plan.

Three years in development, *Vision 2020* is a comprehensive statement of the Province’s life and mission that will guide the work of the Province over the next 10 years. The new Provincial Administration is committed to the implementation of *Vision 2020* and will rely upon the energy, wisdom and faith of the members of the Province to make this vision a reality.

As you read this issue of *ALIVE*, you’ll see there is no shortage of energy, wisdom and faith within the Marianist Family — especially the Marianists who have left full-time active ministry because of age or infirmity. They are a tremendous wealth for the Province. You’ll read how these priests and brothers are still going strong in faith, prayer and service to others. As Blessed Chaminade said, “You are all missionaries,” and we are on a mission until the end of our lives.

In the world of cyberspace, members of the Marianist Family connect, support and challenge each other almost daily. “Meet Me in Ireland” is an extraordinary story of a community that has developed in a truly cyber-world fashion.

For Marianists, there are two important tables: the table of the Eucharist that nourishes our faith, and the dining table that enriches our brotherhood. Both are sacred spaces. We put much energy into celebrating the Eucharist, and our culinary artists put much energy into helping our communities honor the dining table. We hope you enjoy their tips on making mealtimes memorable.

I am delighted to welcome you for the first time to read *ALIVE* magazine. I hope you find it informative and inspiring. When the Marianists built the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the grounds of Mount Saint John in Dayton, Ohio, they wanted to express and strengthen their love for Mary, Our Mother. May this issue of *ALIVE* help you do the same.

With deepest appreciation,



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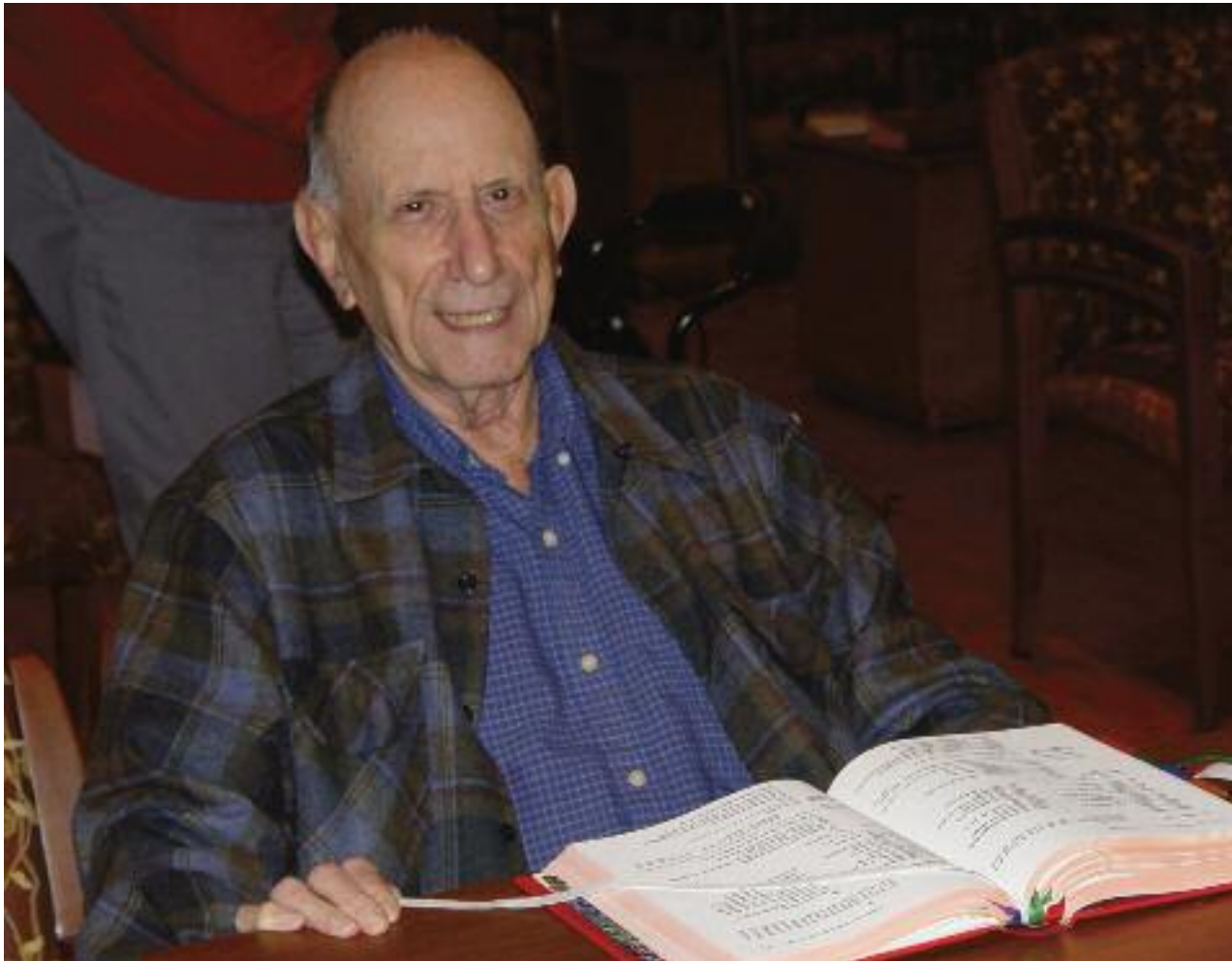
with Grace: Lessons in the Art of Aging Well

*Five Marianists offer their
insights about aging with
vitality and purpose.*

By John Schroeder



*Marianist Father Tim
Dwyer and Brothers
Les Kaehler and
Art Cherrier*



"I'm still learning to pray, to build an awareness of the presence of God. I'm amazed when I look at Scripture that I've been reading for 50 or 60 years and still find things I didn't see before. It's wonderful!"

—Marianist Father Joe Stefanelli

What allows a person to age well?" asks Richard P. Johnson, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert in gerontology. After a four-year study, he discovered a spiritual link in his findings.

"The people who age best are those who celebrate their faith. They live in the now. They know how to handle anger by moving toward forgiveness. They're always doing things to help other people, and they tend to see things differently," Johnson says. "For them, aging is not a senseless slippage, but an opportunity for greater growth."

Vowed religious men would appear to have exceptional opportunities for aging with grace, according to research conducted by Dr. Johnson.

Although Marianists don't retire, they do scale back from full-time ministry in their later years. Still, they are not immune to the challenges that aging brings. With 65 percent of the Province's members age 70 or older, the issues of aging have become increasingly important. In 2006, the Province formed a task force called "Aging with Grace" to help members negotiate this stage of life with greater ease.

Chaired by Marianist Brother Les Kaehler, the committee is charged with helping Province members "prepare for the natural changes that will occur in

us," he says. "We still can be vital. We still can be a presence that gives warmth and support to others, perhaps even in how we handle suffering in old age. It's a tremendous mission, to be that kind of presence to others."

For Marianist Father Tim Dwyer, another committee member, this work is about ongoing formation. "As brothers move toward the end of their active ministry, we want them to realize there's a lot of life yet to be lived," he says. "Every age brings its own blessings."

The pattern Dr. Johnson observed in his study is borne out by the lives of many men in Marianist communities today. Although they are long past the age when most Americans retire, they still look for — and find — creative ways to participate in the mission. Here are some of their stories.



Lesson 1: Sustain an active prayer life.

Father Joe Stefanelli, 89, Cupertino, Calif.

When Father Joe suffered a cerebral hemorrhage eight years ago, he discovered a new avocation: puzzle making. "At first I was ashamed to say that I like to make jigsaw puzzles," he says. "But my therapists said, 'That's the best thing you can do to restore brain function.'" So he went to work — and now delights

Marianist Father Norb Burns shares some lighthearted banter with University of Dayton students.



in the fact that visitors sign up to put his completed puzzles on display in their homes or offices. In April, the staff at the Marianist Center scheduled an exhibit of his work, the fifth such show in recent years.

"I like to knit and weave, too," he says. But it's in his daily prayer routines that Father Joe often finds his greatest consolations. "I'm still learning to pray, to build an awareness of the presence of God," he says. "I'm amazed when I look at Scripture that I've been reading for 50 or 60 years, and I still find things that I didn't see before. It's wonderful!"

2 Lesson 2: Serve in ways that bring you joy.

Father Norbert Burns, 85, Dayton, Ohio

After teaching at the University of Dayton for 60 years, Father Norb thought he had a great plan for his next stage in ministry. "I decided to take up contemplation. I did that — for about three months. That's when I realized that my sanctity has always involved activity and hard work," he says. Then, by God's grace, he received a call from the president of the university to become the ambassador for UD's spiritual mission.

That was in 2007. Since then, Father Norb has been going almost nonstop giving talks on the Marianist charism and spirituality to more than 110 different segments of the university. "I was not ready to slow

down completely," he admits, "at least, not in the sense of cutting off what I had been doing all my life.

"Now, I've got a happy mix. I have time to spend with God in contemplation. I have time for devotion to Mary. I'm talking to her all the time," he says. "But a strictly contemplative life didn't work for me. I was restless. I needed something else in my life."

He has made some concessions to his advancing years. For instance, he won't schedule any appointments before noon each day. Still, his speaking engagements often keep him going until midnight. "I'm enjoying every minute of it," he says. "I'm old — really old. Yet at the same time, I'm alive. So if by 'grace' you mean the goodness of God working within me at this given moment, it certainly is!"

3 Lesson 3: Seek forgiveness and healing.

Brother Arthur Cherrier, 86, San Antonio

One of the gifts of aging, says Brother Art, is that he's learning how to pray. "It's new each day. The Daily Office — morning and evening prayer — becomes routine after a while. But now they seem to have more depth. I'm not just moving my lips along with the words. Something inside me is moving," he says. "It's more from the heart."

As for the other portions of his day, Brother Art

does translation work — drawing on the French he learned during his years in Western Africa. “I translate some of the order’s older documents for the North American Center for Marianist Studies. I also translate for one of our French Canadian priests,” he says.

The best part about this stage of life is that “you can do it on your own schedule,” he says. “There are no deadlines — so if I want to go work on a jigsaw puzzle upstairs, I just do it.”

It’s important to have something to keep your mind busy, counsels Brother Art. “Try to find something that you can do by yourself — something that will make you happy.” A forgiving spirit is essential, too. “If during your life, you feel you’ve received an injustice, try to get rid of that feeling,” he advises. “Come to terms with it, so that you can have peace of mind.”

4 Lesson 4: Don’t forget your sense of humor.

Brother John Samaha, 79, Cupertino, Calif.

For Brother John, aging with grace has become a learning process. “You’re challenged to do it with dignity and calm, to consider your position in these last years of life,” he says. “You learn to put first things first. Your priorities are clearer. You let go of little petty anxieties or exaggerated concerns.”

A sense of humor helps, too, especially when receiving medical care. “You have to learn how to trust in God and your caregivers more — and hope they’re paying attention — better than I do, anyway,” he laughs.

A slower pace of life also is a blessing. “You have time to appreciate all the gifts of God. You have more opportunity to deepen graces, to become more faithful to the ideals of Father Chaminade and to share those graces with others,” he says. Toward that end,



Marianist Brother John Samaha

Brother John meets regularly with local chapters of the Serra Club (a Catholic organization devoted to vocations) and the Knights of Columbus, speaks with parish faith formation groups and continues to write for Catholic newspapers, magazines and the Marian Library Web site.

“I’m busy, but not like when I was teaching a class,” he says. “It’s a calmer time, a time when the important things seep into your life. I’ve realized that this relationship — this ongoing conversation with God — is what it’s all about.”

S Lesson 5: Look for meaningful ways to contribute.

Father Tim Dwyer, 74, San Antonio

“One thing about getting older is that you appreciate the importance of pacing,” says Father Tim. “For example, as much as I enjoyed teaching high school, I don’t have the energy today for such a day-in, day-out grind.” Instead, he took on a couple of part-time ministries with considerably less intensity. For the past five years, he served as formation director for the Marianist aspirancy program in San Antonio and provided pastoral care to men living in the skilled nursing and assisted living facilities at the Marianist Retirement Center in that city.

The two jobs put Father Tim in regular contact with those who were discerning a call to the religious life, as well as men who’ve been Marianists for decades. “I really enjoyed it,” he says. “It was wonderful to see new life developing in the community. In the ministry with the older men, I was touched by what’s important to them — how simple life becomes as you return to the center of things, to your priorities.”

In August, Father Tim will continue his work as a

minister at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, N.J. But one of his priorities — living in community — won’t change. “It’s a gift to be living in community as a Marianist,” Father Tim says. “It’s not something I hope to ‘find’ wherever I go. Rather, it’s part of our call: How can I help contribute to community? How can I help build it, wherever I am?” ♦

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— Marianist Father Tim Dwyer

Meet Me *in* Ireland

*A Marianist cyber community meets
for the first time in Dublin.*

BY SHELLY REESE

When the members of Our Lady of the Round Table, a five-year-old Marianist cyber community, gathered for the first time in Ireland in April, it was less an introduction than a family reunion. Although the members of the lay community are spread across four continents, the bonds of faith and community they share are strong. “We care

about each other. We support each other. We do everything a community does except see each other,” says OLRT member Joanne McCracken from Medford, N.J. “That’s why going to Ireland was so important to us. It completed the picture.”

Birth of a cyber community

OLRT began in 2005 as an offshoot of a University of Dayton virtual online course sponsored by the North American Center for Marianist Studies. When the class ended, a number of participants continued to meet and pray together. They decided to practice *Lectio Divina*, a slow, contemplative praying of Scripture. Participants would electronically post their prayers and reflections five days a week. The regular contact forged deeper friendships, and within a year the group decided to form an online community.

The community’s membership has changed slightly since its inception. Two members left the group, unable to maintain a daily commitment. A third, Marianist Brother Walter Oberster, died in 2006. Four new members were invited to join. Today, the community consists of nine women, all of whom are Lay Marianists. They come from the United States, Canada, Ireland, France, Kenya and Australia. They range in age from 41 to 73. Some have children, some have grandchildren, one is unmarried. Some have doctorates; others never completed their formal education. They represent every



Susan Buckley admires Chris Suriano’s OLRT necklace that each member received.

socioeconomic stratum. Diverse as the community may be, it is unified by the members' shared faith and commitment to each other.

A sense of intimacy

That commitment is strong. While most Marianist communities meet biweekly or monthly, OLRT meets every weekday. Although members can skip an occasional posting, they must let the rest of the community know if they won't be posting for more than two consecutive days.

"That daily connection creates a sense of intimacy," says community member Isabella Moyer, president of the International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities. Although "intimacy" isn't a word often applied to e-mail, Moyer says that OLRT demonstrates the power of electronic communication as a community-building resource.

"People think because something is online it's going to be easy, but in some ways it takes more discipline," says Moyer, who lives in Manitoba, Canada. "You can be physically present in a community that meets in your living room but not participate. You can sit there and soak it all in. But with an online community, people notice if you don't post. You have to contribute."

She likens the experience to physical exercise. "If you have to go running on your own it can be tough, but if you know someone is waiting for you on your doorstep, it motivates you. This community helps me with the daily discipline of prayer."

Global issues become personal

In addition to *Lectio*, members pray for each other's intentions. Christine Suriano, who lives in Palm City, Fla., says those prayers and the international nature of the group help her understand and appreciate her role in the broader global community. When a member prays for continued peace in Ireland or an end to the drought in Kenya, international issues that might seem like distant abstractions become real and immediate. "It helps you see the big picture," she says.

Having openly shared their spiritual stories with each other nearly every day for five years, it's no surprise the group's first in-person meeting, which was hosted by the Marianist brothers at their home in Ballybrack County, Dublin, was a rich and joyous event.

"Seeing everybody didn't make us any more a community because we were already such a strong



community," says Moyer. "Instead, it was a celebration and an affirmation."

While prayer was a big part of the gathering — the group continued to practice *Lectio* and celebrated Eucharist with the brothers — the visit wasn't a spiritual retreat in the traditional sense. "We know each other spiritually," McCracken says. "That's part of our daily lives. Ireland was about getting to know each other personally."

In that spirit, the visit included plenty of sightseeing, shared meals and late night chats and, when it was all over, goodbyes were said without sadness or tears. After all, the members of the community were back together again — online — just a few days later. ♦

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If you're interested in setting up an online community, OLRT has created a guide based on its experience. Please contact Joanne McCracken at maypoint@gmail.com for more information.

OLRT members, front, Chris Suriano (USA), Susan Buckley (Ireland) and Isabella Moyer (Canada); back, Marceta Reilly (USA), Mary Harven Gorgette (France), Joanne McCracken (USA), Julie Aherne (Australia) and Lorna Mueni Kilonzo (Kenya) with the new OLRT logo; not pictured, Pati Krasensky (USA), who joined the group via SKYPE



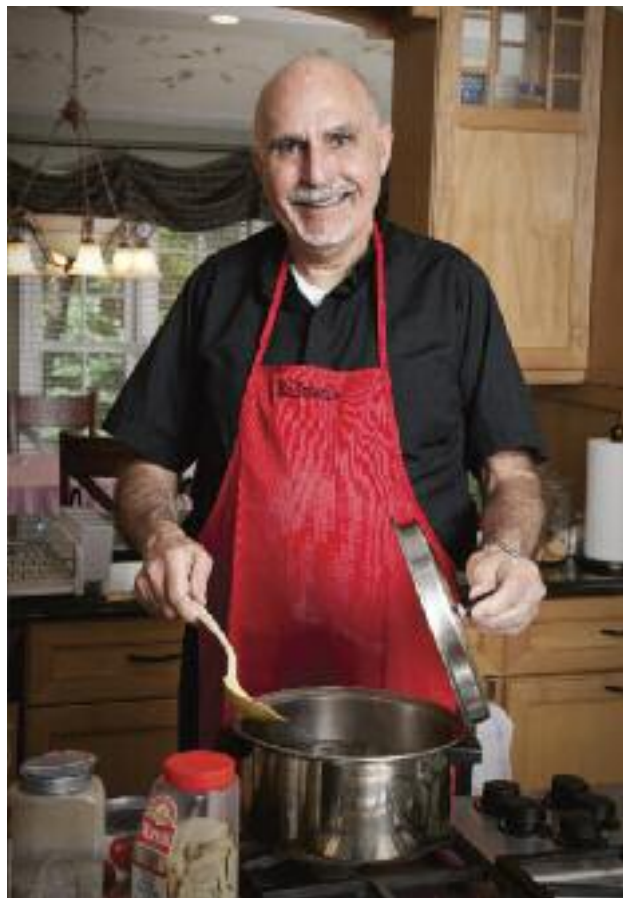
Table Graces

Marianist culinary artists share their delight in preparing delicious meals and fostering bonds of friendship around a dinner table.

BY AMY GEORGE RUSH

“Dining with one’s friends and beloved family is certainly one of life’s primal and most innocent delights, one that is both soul-satisfying and eternal.”

– Julia Child



Marianist Father Ralph Siefert

There’s one secret that Marianist culinary artists know: Food makes people happy, and happy people tend to bring out the best in each other — fostering a collegial spirit and deepening the bonds of community.

Just ask Marianist Father Ralph Siefert, who says he cooks for fun — and for the simple pleasure of seeing people enjoy the experience. “Cooking is a way of showing your love for others. More than anything, a good meal puts people at ease,” he says.

Several other Marianists, including Brother Leo Slay and Novice José Julián Matos, are known for their culinary artistry. All three have a gift for cooking that nourishes the body — and the soul.

Expressing creativity and love

Father Ralph’s gift for cooking is so renowned that people pay for it. For years, he has auctioned off his cooking skills to raise money for Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis where he serves as president. One year his culinary prowess generated \$10,000 for the school.

He credits his grandmother, who lived with his family, for inspiring his love of cooking. But it wasn’t until he served on the Provincial Administration staff for the former St. Louis Province that he developed his gift for cooking. “Necessity was certainly a driving

A Summertime Menu

Favorite recipes from Marianist chefs



Brother Leo Slay's Barbecue Burgers

Brother Leo doesn't use recipes, so estimate amounts based on your tastes.

Ingredients

Lean ground beef (at least 80% lean)
Some water-soaked bread
Chopped white onions
Chopped green peppers
Fresh minced garlic
Salt and pepper

Combine, form into patties and cook on a preheated grill over high heat.

Brother Leo's secret to delicious, juicy burgers? "Keep a close eye on the grill. Burgers don't take long to cook — just a few minutes on each side."

Novice José Julián Matos' Avocado Salad

Ingredients

2 avocados, peeled and sliced
2 tomatoes, chopped
1 cucumber, chopped
½ medium white onion, minced
Olive oil
1 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. cilantro, minced
Fresh lime juice

Combine prepared avocados, tomatoes and cucumber in a stainless-steel bowl.

Add a splash of olive oil, salt and cilantro.

Finish by juicing one lime over the top.

Chill before serving.

Serves two to three.

"This is a traditional Puerto Rican side dish," says José. "It features just a few ingredients and is easy to make, but it is mouth watering. To give the salad more texture and a nutty flavor, consider adding crushed almonds."



Father Ralph Siefert's Strawberry Shortcake

Ingredients

6 cups sliced strawberries	½ cup margarine or butter
½ cup sugar (divided)	1 beaten egg
2 cups all-purpose flour	¾ cup milk
2 tsp. baking powder	Fresh whipped cream

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Stir together berries and ¼ cup of the sugar. Set aside.

Combine remaining sugar, flour and baking powder.

Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Combine egg and milk and add to dry ingredients. Stir just until moist. Spread into greased 8 x 1½-inch round baking pan, building up edge slightly.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Cool in pan for 10 minutes.

Remove from pan, and split into two layers.

Spoon fruit and whipped cream between the two layers and on top.

Serve immediately.

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"I make this while my guests are eating dinner so that I can serve it fresh from the oven while the cake is warm," says Father Ralph. "Your guests will devour it. It's lethal."

force back then,” he says. “I needed to cook well to eat well, and so that’s what I did.” Over the years, Father Ralph’s driving force has evolved from need to desire. “Now I cook because it’s an expression of creativity and love. It’s a way to create something concrete but it’s also very life-giving.”

Father Ralph calls cooking for others the ultimate community-building exercise. “It’s the best way to bring people together, literally and figuratively,” he says. “With a fresh, well-prepared meal you can create a positive atmosphere that’s pure joy to be a part of — and it’s fun.”

Making people happy

Like Father Ralph, Brother Leo Slay grew up in the family kitchen — but his family kitchen fed thousands. “My parents owned a restaurant. How else would they have fed 10 children?” he jokes. His years of restaurant experience inspired his calling as a Marianist. “When I joined the novitiate, my superiors were shocked to hear that I actually wanted to go into food service. Before then, they had never had anyone volunteer for the job. But that’s where I came from — food.”

Brother Leo has served as director of food service for Marianist retreat houses, communities and schools. For 18 years at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis, he managed the service of three meals-a-day, seven days-a-week, for 700 live-in students and 30 brothers. He founded and directed the Marianist Culinary Institute, which has educated religious from all over the country since 1960. Awards and plaques of recognition wallpaper his office, sprinkled with photos of his numerous world travels as a consultant for the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force.

Bro. Leo Slay with Dianne Richardson of the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Eureka, Mo. Bro. Leo consulted with the center on menus and room set-up.



Novice José Julián Matos

Today, he cooks a few times each week for his community and continues his work as a consultant for St. Louis area schools. “After all these years, I still enjoy food service. I’m still learning,” says Brother Leo. “The bottom line is that food makes people happy, and when you make people happy, you want to do it more.”

Sharing culture and showing gratitude

Novice José Julián Matos cultivated his lifelong love of cooking during college. Throughout his senior year, he hosted Friday evening dinners for fellow Puerto Rican exchange students. The meals were about more than food. “The real beauty of these get-togethers was in the coming together, the community,” he says.

José Julián enjoys sharing his cultural heritage with fellow Marianists. “Cooking is one way to do this,” he says. “To prepare dishes with rice and beans, even to prepare a piña colada every now and then, enables me to share my Puerto Rican identity and perspectives.”

José Julián understands the intimate connection between cooking and the Marianist charism. “Families across the world prepare special dishes for special occasions — gestures that make people feel loved,” he says. “The same can be said of Marianist hospitality and cooking. It’s a very personal and committed way to welcome others and express fraternity and gratitude.” ♦

Amy George Rush is a freelance writer from St. Louis.

Finding Solace

IN SACRED SPACES

The Grotto at Mount Saint John, built more than 80 years ago, continues to offer visitors a place for prayer and reflection.

By Jan D. Dixon

In 1925, Marianist Brother Michael Mertes had a vision. Not an apparition, but an idea. He wanted to build an exact replica of Our Lady of Lourdes, the revered French shrine, on the grounds of Mount Saint John — a large acreage that had been purchased by the Society of Mary only 15 years earlier. The purpose of the Grotto was clear to Brother Michael. It would provide a place of beauty and prayer, a sacred space for contemplation and devotion to Mary.

If Brother Michael, who died in 1942, could return to Mount Saint John today, chances are he'd be a happy man. Not only would he find the Grotto, but a whole campus dedicated to Marianist art and scholarship, spiritual renewal, environmental preservation, worship and prayer.

"Mount Saint John has become a refuge for people seeking spiritual support. It's a place for meditation and for finding God," says Marianist Brother Don Geiger, who has lived at the novitiate community at MSJ for the last 25 years.

Mount Saint John, celebrating its 100-year anniversary in October, houses a vibrant complex of Marianist ministries and programs: Bergamo Center, a retreat facility; the Marianist Environmental Education Center; the North American Center for Marianist Studies; an art gallery called Gallery Saint John; Queen of Apostles Parish and the Marianist novitiate and Meyer Hall communities.

Yet the Grotto remains one of the focal points for prayer and solitude.

A place to uplift the spirit

Many people today seek quiet venues — places where the frenetic pace of life can be left behind — to pray and nurture their inner spirits.

Marianist Father Mike Lisbeth, director of novices for the U.S. Province, lives in the novitiate community located only a few hundred feet from the Grotto. "When I first moved here, I cleaned up the little burned-out candles left from Grotto visitors. This became a daily opportunity for me to pray that Mary intercede for their needs. I also started encouraging those who come to the Grotto to read a few of the petitions left by others," he says, noting that sharing the petitions reminds us that we are all connected and strengthens our notion of community.



The Grotto at Mount Saint John

Though much has changed since Brother Michael and a handful of novices began gathering large stones on the grounds of MSJ and moving them to a small berry patch to begin construction of the Grotto, one thing has not. People still need places for solitude and healing.

Mount Saint John has a lot of contemplative space. In addition to the Grotto, the property includes a living labyrinth, nature walks and other intimate environmental landscapes designed for meditation. "All are conducive to prayer and meditation," says Brother Don. "Mount Saint John has become a place to receive spiritual renewal. This is its primary purpose and its future."

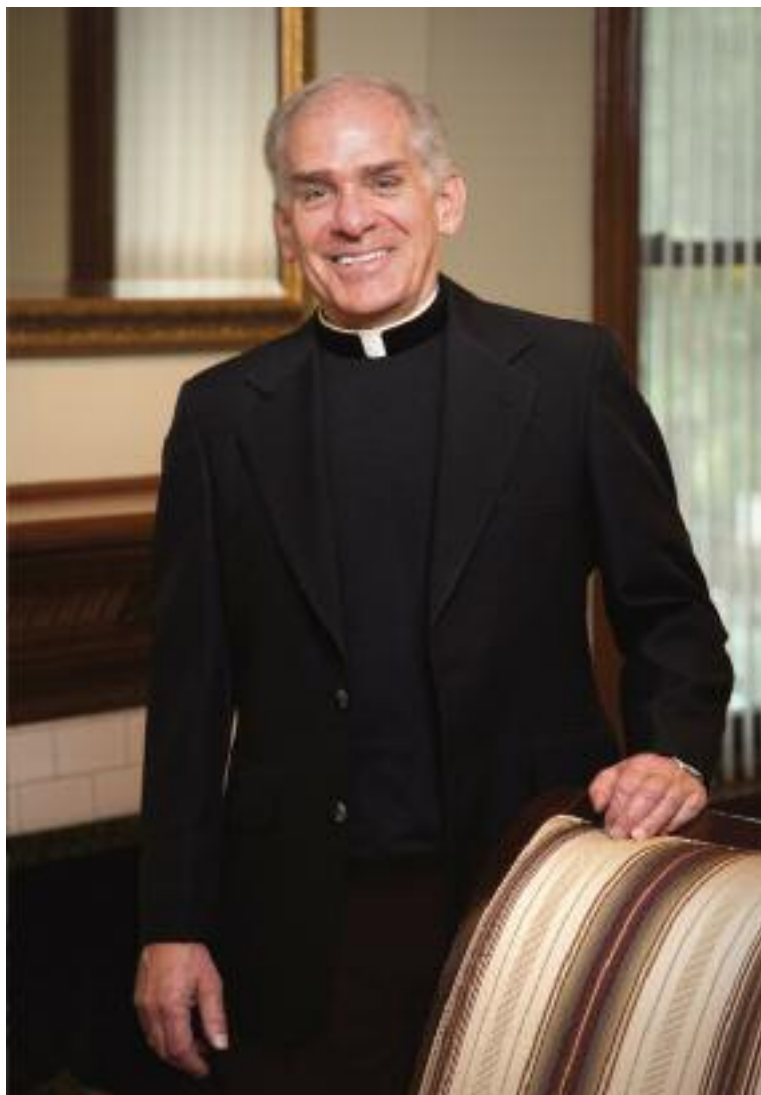
No doubt it is a vision Brother Michael Mertes would have agreed with. ♦

For more information about the building of the Grotto at Mount Saint John and archival photos, go to www.marianist.com/AliveOnline.

ANSWERING The Call

*Two professed Marianists take on the leadership
of the Province of the United States.*

BY DIANE GUERRA



Marianist Father Martin Solma, Provincial

This is the story of two men who left fulfilling ministries, familiar places and longtime friends to answer a call.

For Marianist Father Marty Solma, who ministered in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, for 27 years, the call came from Rome — from the Marianists' superior general, Father Manuel Cortés. After a consultation with the U.S. brothers and the General Council, he asked Father Marty to be the new provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States.

For Marianist Brother Joe Kamis, who served since 2003 as the superintendent of schools and director of the Department of Educational Services for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, a call also came from Father Manuel. After a similar consultation, he asked Brother Joe to serve as the new assistant provincial.

In the model of Mary, who answered God's call with a "yes," both men agreed to the challenge and were installed at a Marianist gathering in Louisville, Ky., on July 1. Their initial terms are five years.

Both Marianists are settling into their new residences in St. Louis, home of the Provincial office, and both are excited to get started on the work ahead. Their primary challenge is implementing *Vision 2020*, the roadmap that will guide the Province for the next 10 years.

"The former Provincial Council did the good work of creating the structures for the Province," Father Marty says. "The new Provincial Council is poised to take the Province to the next level. We have to make *Vision 2020* come alive."

Father Marty believes his and Brother Joe's new jobs in leadership and administration are critical to the success of the organization.

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, Plans for your welfare, not for woe!

— Jeremiah 29:11

“You can leave a stamp on an organization by the direction you set. There has to be a lot of consultation, but you must bring a vision to the organization,” says Father Marty. He mentions former Superior General Father Quentin Hakenewerth as an example of excellent leadership. “He changed the way we thought about things.”

Brother Joe believes that *Vision 2020* has to be made practical. “In five years, I’d like people to say that our team made the Province more effective by implementing the vision and focusing our energies on our mission.”

Issues to tackle

Several issues are critical to the Province, according to Father Marty: prayerful communities of brothers who are centered on the Marianist mission throughout their lives; formation and vocation ministry; relationship with the Marianist Family; caring for the poor; and the sponsorship of schools and other ministries.

Vocation work continues to be a challenge in a consumer-oriented society. “People see that our culture isn’t what it’s cracked up to be,” says Brother Joe. “People are inspired by the reality of Marianist community, where we live together, laugh together, make a commitment to each other. We may be from different backgrounds and different races, but we are a family.”

“Young people are hungry for a spirituality that is real, human and Christ-centered,” says Father Marty, “and that’s exactly what the Marianists have to offer. They may be disaffected by institutions, but they’re attracted to our ecclesial sense of Mary, community, hospitality and inclusivity. It’s a gift.”

Brother Joe says that everyone has a Christian vocation because of his or her baptism, but each person lives it out in a different way. “We walk with people on the journey, however they express that spirit. We care for the individual.”

Collaborative ministry

Both men feel strongly that the partnership with the Marianist Family — Lay Marianists and the Marianist Sisters — is critical to the future. The Marianist Family Council, which is comprised of two members each of the Society of Mary, Marianist Sisters and Lay Marianists, is a good example of that partnership.

“Ministry is about collaboration, especially with the laity. I think there is a need in the Church for greater humility,” says Father Marty. “Ministry is not about power — it’s about sharing a tremendous gift as Mary did in a way that is respectful and inclusive and empowering of other people.

“What gives me hope is that laypeople are excited

about the Marianist charism. They want to live it out in their marriages and in their small faith communities. The same spirit that undergirds our life as religious informs and shapes their lives.”

Sharing the mission

Another focus for the new leadership team is the sponsorship of schools and other ministries.

“In places where we can’t be involved in the way we used to be, it’s vital that we share our mission with school administration and board members,” says Brother Joe. “If we believe our charism is a gift to the Church, we have to share that with others. It’s one of the key ways of proclaiming the Gospel through the vision of our founder, Blessed William Chaminade.”

Father Marty agrees that the Province is committed to education. “We develop the whole person in the likeness of Christ in our schools, retreat centers and parishes. Our ‘Characteristics of Marianist Education’ have a major impact on education throughout the world.”

Both men see caring for the poor as a major thrust of the Province. “It is our responsibility as a global Church,” says Father Marty.

“We live in a very privileged environment.

We need to help the poor through education, peace and justice, and urban concerns.”

A growing venture

Father Marty and Brother Joe share a sense of hope and excitement about what the next several years will bring to the Province of the United States. “There’s new energy. When young people grab on, it’s like another match being lit that makes the fire brighter,” says Brother Joe. “It’s a great time to be part of the Society of Mary. The hope is that this is a growing venture. The Spirit is working and we see a future.

“Despite the problems the Church is going through, I believe in the words of Jesus, ‘I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” ♦



Marianist Brother Joseph Kamis, Assistant Provincial

For Everything There is a Season

The inauguration of the Region of Eastern Africa signals the growth and maturity of African Marianists as they assume new leadership roles.

By Jan D. Dixon

According to Scripture, there is a time for everything under heaven. For the Marianists in Eastern Africa, there was a time to plant. Starting with their arrival in 1957, they began to grow a Marianist presence in Kenya, Zambia and Malawi. But the signing of the Lusaka Declaration in 1979 — a document formally declaring their intention to recruit African Marianists in the Society of Mary — gave their work greater focus and direction.

Now, more than 30 years later, it is time to reap the rewards of that work. In a celebration in May, Marianists from around the globe gathered in Nairobi to witness the handing over of leadership responsibility to African Marianists and the newly formed independent Region of Eastern Africa. It also was an occasion to honor the legacy of those who made this possible.

Says Marianist Brother Valentine Chola Mulenga, 45, the new regional superior of Eastern Africa: "What was planted many years ago as a small seed has grown into a big tree bearing fruit. The brothers of the Region are challenged by the faith of our founders. We will respond now with faith and hope."

More than 100 U.S. Marianists have served in English-speaking



Marianist Brothers Stephen Glodek and Chola Mulenga and Father Manuel Cortés at the inauguration celebration

Africa since 1957 when they were first invited there to help administer Catholic secondary schools.

"The time has come for African Marianists to take responsibility for Marianist life and ministries here," says Marianist Father Marty Solma, who served in Africa for 27 years. "This leadership change recognizes their maturity and acknowledges that the Marianist presence — both lay and religious — is solid and growing."

The gifts of many

Although the focus of Marianist work in Africa began with education, it soon grew to include recruitment and formation because of the guiding influence of Fathers Stephen Tutas, Jack McGrath and Bill Behringer. Their work in articulating the Lusaka Declaration paved the way for vocations in the Region.

The Marianists also acknowledge former Marianist Peter Daino and Brother Timothy Phillips for their efforts to assist the poor, a work that African Marianists now direct. "The ministries they initiated helped us assist those in desperate need," says Father Marty.

The late Marianist Father Joe Davis, who served as superior of Eastern Africa, also was instrumental in helping the Marianists think as a team and foster a collegial spirit among Marianists in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya. Nor would this stage of maturity and independence been possible without the wise financial planning of Brothers Frank Damm and Bernie Ploeger.

Yet one of the greatest gifts has come from the Africans themselves. "To have the Society of Mary expressed within African cultures is a gift to all Marianists and the Marianist Family," says Father Marty. "We are a global church. Their presence reminds us to broaden our thinking, make room for different cultural perspectives and open our hearts. They are role models in goodness and hospitality. We have much to learn from them." ♦

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Resources for the Journey

*Books, movies and music that invite spiritual renewal,
stimulate the imagination and delight the soul*

A *LIVE* magazine invited Marianist Brother John Habjan, Sister Nicole Trahan, Sue Terbay and Denise O'Connor to share their favorite books, movies and musical recordings — ones that have touched their spirits, sparked their imaginations and enlivened their conversations. For the complete list of their recommendations, go to www.marianist.com/AliveOnline

Books

By Way of the Heart: Toward a Holistic Christian Spirituality

(Wilkie Au, SJ): Wilkie Au is perhaps my favorite spiritual writer. In this work, Au explores the challenges of balancing self-esteem and self-denial; ministry and leisure; friendship and generativity; prayer and humor; and community and solitude. This is only the first chapter! The remainder of the book focuses on prayer, discernment of one's direction in life, openness to God, holistic sexuality and care for the poor and vulnerable. This book is a must read for anyone seeking to live an authentic spiritual life. (N. Trahan)

Seasons of Your Heart: Prayers and Reflections (Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB): This book has been around for many years and contains meditations that speak to the changing seasons and to one's heart. The book is designed for daily use or retreats. (S. Terbay)

Exuberance: The Passion for Life (Kay Redfield Jamison): Dr. Jamison defines exuberance as "a desirable and non-pathological state of heightened awareness that gives rise to courage, discovery and creativity." Most fascinating are her stories of real people who accomplished great deeds. President Theodore Roosevelt, naturalist John Muir, mathematician Richard Feynman, soldier/politician Winston Churchill, and author Robert Louis Stevenson were some of the people whose energy, creativity, curiosity and passion gave way to incredible accomplishments. This book will make you take stock of the exuberant people you have met along your journey. (D. O'Connor)

The Street Stops Here: A Year at a Catholic High School in Harlem (Patrick McCloskey): This is a fine presentation and example of the

positive aspects of a school sponsored by a religious order. The book covers a year in the life of Rice High School in Harlem sponsored by the Irish Christian Brothers. (J. Habjan)

Movies/Television/Video

Up: Besides the fact that I spent the first few minutes in tears, this movie was fantastic. The message was good, the characters were engaging, it was funny and it is quotable. It was cute, too, but not in a sappy way. The best word to describe it is "fun." (N. Trahan)

The Children of Huang Shi:

This movie is the true story of George Hogg, a young, cocky British journalist, recently graduated from Oxford, who goes to China during the 1930s. He fanagles his way into China during the Japanese occupation of that country, hoping to make a name for himself. Instead, Hogg finds himself in the midst of 60 war orphans whom he decides to save from certain death at the hands of the Japanese. After winning the boys' trust and loyalty, he takes them on a difficult journey through dangerous territory to safety and freedom. This movie is a story of courage, ingenuity and love, with excellent character development and acting. (D. O'Connor)

Music

Acoustic Soul and Testimony, Vol. 2 (India Arie): Arie's lyrics are poetic and prayerful. The music itself is appealing, but it's the lyrics that make the songs. Two songs I highly recommend are "Video" and "Beautiful Day." They are perfect ways to start the day with a positive attitude and a grateful heart. (N. Trahan)

Discover the Way (Nick Cardilino): This CD is a 'must' listen! Nick's ministry of song and faith encourages all who listen to discover one's faith and embrace it. His words and melodies inspire listeners of all ages. (S. Terbay)



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EXAMPLES OF MARY IN MY LIFE

ALIVE magazine asked readers to share their thoughts on the subject of "Examples of Mary in My Life" – describing someone who exemplifies Mary or an incident that captures the attributes of Mary. To read all the entries submitted, go to www.marianist.com/AliveOnline.

IF MARY WERE AROUND TODAY

Mary didn't do her son's laundry (at least not that we know of). She did not call her son every morning to tell him how special and loved he was. Nor did she drive to his apartment just to see his smile. But I believe she would have if she were around today. This is why I would like to thank my mother for being an example of Mary in my life. I don't think we give Mary, or



other mothers, the credit they deserve. Mary had two major responsibilities: to raise Jesus and be a guiding example for him. I am reminded every morning when I wake up that my mother has done the same for me. I could write for hours about the things my mother has done for me. Or I could say everything I feel in one word: thanks.

Joe Burke, Omaha, Neb.

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ON MY TOUGHEST DAYS

Mary is present every day in the people I work with at Purcell Marian High School: Patty Hank who provides lunch for students in need; Sister Janet Linz and Julie Wilke who teach failing students how to succeed; Elaine Rysiewicz who works countless hours after school and on weekends; Ben Dougherty who has attended almost every extracurricular event this year; Brandon Paluch who has brought prayer back into the lives of the faculty. On my toughest days, these are just a few of the people who inspire me to give just a little more and remind me what it means to say “yes!”

Natalie Mullholand, Independence, Ky.

LOVE'S SURPRISING JOURNEY

The words of Mary to the servants at Cana, “Do whatever He tells you,” rang clearly in my ears as I stepped onto a plane to Sri Lanka. Six months after the tsunami, in June 2005, I headed overseas with donations from our families at Chaminade College Preparatory (West Hills, Calif.) and over 1,000 backpacks filled with educational supplies and toys that the students had put together to give to children they would never meet. I was on a journey that had no certain ending except to give drink to the thirsty, food to the hungry and hope to those in despair.

April Risteff, West Hills, Calif.

FOLLOWING MARY'S LEAD

"HOW CAN THIS BE?" LUKE 1:34

Mary's words to the angel at the Annunciation have been an inspiration and a challenge in my life. I try to pray these words with the openness, confidence and faith-filled expectation of “great things” (Luke 1:49) that characterize Mary's relationship with God, and then — with Mary's help — to praise God's ways.

Marianist Father Kip Stander, San Antonio

SAYING “YES” TO GOD'S CALLING

In today's homily, the priest said that Mary was just like us, not more holy or better in some way, but human just like we are. Mary,

though, always said “yes.” My thoughts go back to the day when, at age 45, I was offered a job in youth ministry. “Lord, if you want me to do this, you're going to have to be really clear about it!” I remember praying. So, I opened a book and read, “Mother Teresa began a new career around the age of 40.” Alright then, “Yes, Lord!” I said, and “thank you, Mary, for saying it first.”

Jodi Mott, Mason, Ohio



POETIC AND COSMIC EXPRESSIONS OF MARY

I love the story of the Guadalupe event called “Nican Mopohua.” This beautiful Nahuatl poem chronicles a visual reality, poetic elegance, historical moment and living faith. The story begins with God's creation: things of earth (fragrant roses) and things of heaven (brilliant songbirds). God's creation penetrates the being of an indigenous 16th-century Nahua elder, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoac. Our Lady of Guadalupe introduces herself to St. Juan Diego without using words to speak. She embraces the culture, color and symbols that define her as Mother of the Great Truth, Mother of the Giver of Life, Mother of the Inventor of Humanity, Mother of the Lord of near and close by, and Mother of the Lord of Heaven and Earth — five poetic and cosmic expressions that define

her infinite and lasting presences in the Americas and which captivate the gift of listening embodied by St. Juan Diego. A Mary who does this is Mary in my life.

Marianist Father Rudy Vela, San Antonio

TAKING TIME TO PONDER

“BUT MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, PONDERING THEM IN HER HEART.” LUKE 2:19

The word pondering means “to reflect or consider with thoroughness and care.” In my role as the community leader in L'Arche Stratford — an organization devoted to helping people with developmental disabilities — I need to be intentional about taking time to step away, to reflect on what is happening in the community and in my family and to listen to where God is calling me. This doesn't come naturally. I am a woman who is on the go and “doing” most of the time. Mary's example, however, calls me to something deeper. Pondering is such a gentle word, and gentleness is what draws me inward.

Marg Van Herk-Paradis, Stratford, Ontario, Canada

RECOGNIZING THE GIFTS OF OTHERS

Mary's recognition of the gifts of others is evident at the feast of the Annunciation. This is an annual event at St. Mary's University where university ministry and other Marianist entities arrive from various corners of the campus — teachers, housekeepers, administrators, librarians, professional and secretarial staff — women who represent different cultures and faith traditions. All are invited to receive a blessing for their work and nurture their spirits with prayer and their bodies with nourishing food. It is not in false humility that we glorify God but by consciously accepting our gifts and placing them at the service of all of humanity. In celebrating the feast of the Annunciation, Mary unites us to find strength in our diversity and welcomes the gifts of each other in an educational community.

Marianist Sister Grace Walle, San Antonio

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Upcoming topics

Signs of Grace

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SLICE *of Life*

Celebrations in India Reflect Marianist Commitment



Marianist Father Marianus Lugun gives a blessing to Brother Sebastian.

Brother Sebastian Bara Professes Perpetual Vows

Brother Sebastian Bara professed perpetual vows in the Society of Mary in a celebration in January in Ranchi, India. Approximately 150 Marianist Family members, relatives and friends attended. Father Marianus Lugun, assistant for religious life, was the main celebrant. Brother Augustus Surin gave the homily and Father Pragasam Thathappa, district superior, received the vows. After Mass, a cultural program and lunch were held at the Gyan Deep community.

Two Marianist Brothers Ordained to Diaconate

Brothers Bhaskar Galleli and Rajesh Kandulna were ordained to the diaconate of the Society of Mary during a Eucharist

celebration in January at the church of Santo Nome di Maria in Rome. They were ordained by His Excellency Archbishop Luis Francisco Ladaria, SJ, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Many members of the Marianist Family including some from the District of India attended the celebration and reception that followed at Via Latina.

Father Sudhir Kujur Ordained in Harasmara, India

In January, Marianist Brother Sudhir Kujur was ordained to the priesthood in the Society of Mary at Brother Sudhir's home parish in Harasmara, India. The Most Rev. John Barwa, SVD, conducted the ordination ceremony. Many vowed and Lay Marianist Family members attended the celebration.

Nine Make First Profession in District Of India

During a celebration in May, more than 400 Marianist Family members, friends and family witnessed nine men make their first profession of vows in the Society of Mary at the Marianist novitiate in Ranchi, India. District Council member Father Marianus Lugun presided at the Eucharist. Brother Prakash Kujur, assistant district superior, gave the homily and Father Pragasam T., district superior, received the vows as each candidate was presented by novice master Father Ignatius Arulappen. After the liturgy, the celebration continued with a reception and meal.



Newly professed Brothers John Lijo Uzhuthuval, Binod Bahla, Rohit Lugun, Stifen George Majhi, Lalit Dhanwar, Samuel Kerketta, Suresh Samad, Shantinandan Dungdung and Daniel Tamilarasan V.

Brother Chola Mulenga Appointed Regional Superior of Eastern Africa

Brother Chola Mulenga, district superior of Eastern Africa, was named the first regional superior of Eastern Africa, which became a Region of the Society of Mary in May (see related story on page 16). Brother Chola has served as district superior of Eastern Africa since 2007. He will serve an initial term of three years which began May 23, 2010. Brother Chola, 45, professed first vows in 1994 and perpetual vows in 1999.



Marianist Brother Chola Mulenga, regional superior of Eastern Africa

Prior to serving as regional superior, he served the region in various administrative and ministerial roles. He has a degree from Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

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U.S. Province Continues to Attract Enthusiastic Candidates

Brothers Approved For Perpetual and Temporary Vows



Brother Bob Jones

Brothers Bob Jones and Andrew Kosmowski were recently approved for perpetual vows. The request was ratified by Superior General Fr. Manuel Cortés in Rome. Brother Bob has been approved for the clerical category and has begun full-time graduate studies at Boston College. Brother Andrew is serving in campus ministry at St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis.



Brother Andrew Kosmowski

Brothers Brandon Alana, Armando Añeses, Ray Dominguez, Tom Farnsworth and Luis Gamboa were approved for the renewal of their temporary vows for another year.

Three Approved for Aspirancy Program

Luis Guerra, Mark Motz and Alejo Perez will enter the Marianist aspirancy program this fall. Luis, 27, was born in Victoria, Texas. He has a bachelor's degree in theology with a minor in business from St. Mary's University and a master's degree in interdisciplinary education/religious studies from the University of Dayton. Mark, 22, was born in Cincinnati. He is a 2010 graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in religious studies. Alejo, 38, was born in San Francisco Del Rincon, Guanajuato, Mexico. He has a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in educational leadership from Cal State University.



Luis Guerra



Mark Motz



Alejo Perez

In Remembrance

For the complete obituaries of Marianist Fathers Thomas Hogan, Eldon Reichert and Thomas Schoen, go to www.marianist.com/obits.

Father Thomas Hogan, 92, died March 28, 2010. Father Thomas was a high school teacher and administrator and served for more than two decades as a theology professor and department chair, chaplain and dean of students at Chaminade University of Honolulu.



Father Thomas Hogan



Father Eldon Reichert

Father Eldon Reichert, 87, died March 20, 2010. Father Eldon was a teacher and guidance counselor. He was headmaster of Chaminade Secondary School in Malawi for 10 years and served at Aquinas High School in Nairobi, Kenya. He also was director of the guidance department and assistant principal at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. In his later years, he served at the Christian Life Center and St. Aloysius parish in Cleveland.

Father Thomas Schoen, 77, died April 14, 2010. Father Thomas was a professor and served for nearly 50 years at the University of Dayton, where he is credited with helping pioneer the Computer Science Department, which he chaired for 17 years.



Father Thomas Schoen

*It is a sultry day; the sun has drank
The dew that lay upon the morning grass,
There is no rustling in the lofty elm
That canopies my dwelling, and its shade
Scarce cools me. All is silent, save the faint
And interrupted murmur of the bee ...*

– From “Summer Wind” by William Cullen Bryant

Lessons from a Summer’s Day

By Carol Ramey

William Cullen Bryant’s poem reminds me of my grandparents’ ranch near the Sierra Mountains. Summer visits there as a teenager included time among the evergreens, sitting alone on a pine needle blanket, noticing the scents and stillness of the forest that a city girl like me relished.

In his poem, Bryant continues to speak of the wondrous effects of the wind he wished for on that summer’s day. During those summer reveries, I experienced the breezes blowing across the meadow and up the slopes as Pentecost on a small scale, bringing God into my life in new ways. In the stillness of the setting, I grew better at communicating with God. My summers became times of renewal and recommitment to a life seeking a deeper faith.

That place and those circumstances could be unique, but summer offers spiritual lessons for us all. The heat slows us down. Isn’t that better for listening to and reflecting on God’s Word? The light is longer. Perhaps we have a chance to see things in a new light. Nature shouts, “look at me.” We are reminded to be grateful for the beauty of God’s creation. Bodies of water — swimming pools, lakes and oceans — beckon us. Might this be one of summer’s joys that help us remember the grace of our Baptism and that prayer, like water, is critical to sustaining our life in Christ? Summer also offers a safer

time to travel and reconnect with family and friends. Can this remind us of the community we are called to by our Marianist founders?

With every winter, we hope for summer — we trust it will come. Like Mary in her Magnificat, while we wait in the stillness of summer we can revisit where we place our trust and in what ways God has “done great things for us.”

Just as Mary’s song remembers those who need mercy and justice, we are called to realize that summer can bring crosses to bear. Outdoor labor can be oppressive. Heat emergencies and crimes plague those in congested cities. Drought can devastate farmers’ livelihood, and violent storms can create terrible suffering. As news of distress reaches our ears, can we ask Mary for courage and compassion to do what we can to relieve summer’s hardships on others — checking on elderly neighbors or contributing to relief services?

Let us pray that the remaining summer breezes carry the Spirit; that summer’s trials move us to acts of caring and that summer’s glories and gifts linger in our hearts.

Carol Ramey is director of the North American Center for Marianist Studies in Dayton, Ohio.

A HEARTFELT PASSION *to Serve*

GROWING UP IN DAYTON, OHIO, Marilyn Schwieterman didn't know much about the Marianists until friends invited her to attend a midnight Mass at a Marianist chapel (now Queen of Apostles Parish). That experience touched something deep within her. "I felt a sense of community I had been yearning for since I left high school," she says.

Marilyn wasted little time rallying her family to attend Sunday Mass at the parish and later began singing in the choir. She also began participating in liturgical celebrations at the nearby novitiate — deepening her relationships with Marianist brothers and priests who were part of that community.

Although Marilyn, now a Lay Marianist, went on to work in various jobs for the Marianists, including her last position as the resource coordinator for the North American Center for Marianist Studies, it is her volunteer efforts that have deepened her faith and expanded her world.

"The Marianist concept of community is large and

has many levels where I can participate, not just within my small faith group, but in Dayton and on a larger scale," says Marilyn.

In addition to parish work, Marilyn has served on the national leadership team of the Marianist Lay Network of North America and is currently serving as its archivist. She is a board member of the Dakota Center, a community center started by the Marianists and others in Dayton to serve inner-city families and children. For the past 18 years, she has been a member of the Nazareth Marianist Community, a small faith group that meets twice a month to provide faith support to each other and to mentor other Marianist Lay communities. "There is a high level of commitment in our group. I especially enjoy working with younger people in our Lay communities. It's great because they continue to ignite my passion for what we're doing," she says.

Where does Marilyn, 74, get her energy for service? "I believe we are here to give to others. My work with the Marianists enables me to do that. It's become the core of my identity," she says. "It's where my heart is." ♦



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