

Bro. Victor Forlani

Celebrating 50 years of profession

During these 50 years, I have been blessed by the Lord and His Mother with opportunities to work with people for great causes. I thank my fellow Brothers, my friends, and my family for their prayers and encouragement over these years.

At Cathedral Latin in the 70s, Bro. Frank Nurthen and I worked with the Latin Alumni Association to run an annual fund to raise monies for scholarships and financial. That program continues to this day at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin.

At Hackett High School in the latter 70s, I worked over the course of a year with faculty, students and parents to develop a new curriculum.

At Bergamo in the 80s, in concert with our programming staff, we developed programming for pastoral and religious education needs and drew people nationally to several of them each year.

At the University of Dayton School of Business for the past 17 years, I have worked with colleagues, students and local businesses to create a set of programs aimed at bringing the faith to our faculty, our students and the businesses of the Dayton region, culminating in the Center for the Integration of Faith and Work. Our goal is to have all of these collaborators consider commerce as a calling and to use Catholic Social Teaching as guidelines.

In each of those contexts, I worked to collaborate projects such as I 675 Chambers of Commerce while at Bergamo, Kalamazoo Diocesan Pastoral Council, created alternatives to Pay Day Loan programs with Dayton credit unions.

In each of those ministries and involvements, it was the groups of people working together that achieved the good. I played the part of coordinator, but literally hundreds of folks have been involved. I come away from them with many friends and many fond memories and a sense that working together and with faith in God and Mary, we can make life better for God's People.