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Celebrating 50 years of profession

To reflect on 50 years of service and growth as a Marianist can be summed up in “adaptation and change.” At the time of entering the Marianist, the picture was very traditional. Shortly, the Second Vatican Council called for a updating and change in the Church, the changes were many and there were many meeting and proposals for change in dress, in styles of prayer, in approaches to personal education and in personal accountability. In the education there were changes and mergers all of which forced us to adapt to the times and look to the future and yet maintain a strong prayer life.

Then for me to go overseas, to Australia, was a change of cultures, sun and surf, the outback, different approach to education, a new school and not many to do all the different activities. There was getting a new school going and bring the Marianist approach to the school and of making an impact on and collaboration with the local Church. As we were called to leave there was difficult but we are at the service of the Society.

The next change was adaption to Ireland, the cool and damp weather, a different system of education and the working with many who were poor. Again there were few to do many tasks in both the school and the house and developing Family of Mary groups. The need to help where you could and where you were needed. Also, learning about Celtic Spirituality and Irish history and traditions.

The next change was a return to a classroom and a community in San Antonio, Texas. Going from a relatively new school in an old country to our oldest school was a bit of a shock. As well as the change in the weather, warm, hot, and very hot. This was one of my biggest challenges to come back and to teach and work in the U.S. system. Also the change in community from where everyone was trying to work on the same project to Brothers going to several different works. It was a challenge to meet and to adapt to another place and approach.