

## **Bro. Joseph Barrett** **70 years of profession**

Bro. Joe is the son of Joseph and Catherine Hochberg Barrett. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., on Oct. 3, 1924. He and his sister moved with their family to Detroit, attending Holy Redeemer Elementary and High School. In high school Joe was involved with sports and was the senior class president. In his four years at Holy Redeemer, he was constantly interested in religious life and in his senior year his father gave him permission to enter. After a memorable blessing from Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Cap., he entered the novitiate at Marynook and made his first profession on Dec. 8, 1943. His final vows were taken there on July 16, 1947.

Bro. Joe earned a bachelor of arts degree in social studies from the University of Dayton in 1946 and a master of arts degree in guidance from Notre Dame University in 1968. His teaching career began in January 1946 at Central Catholic High School – but he got his real start at Holy Redeemer when as a senior he took the place of a departed brother. His next stop was St. Michael's in Chicago; he was there from 1946 to 1953 and then returned there in 1971 to 1972. From 1952 to 1957, Bro. Joe was at Chaminade Prep in St. Louis where he worked with the residential students. He was then assigned to Marynook as assistant novice master from 1957 to 1963. Two one-year stints followed, one at St. Mary's University and the other at Chaminade Prep.

In 1965, he began a two-year assignment in his role as assistant vocation director at Maryhurst. His next stop was Milwaukee as director and teacher. In 1972, he embarked on a 20-year stay at Daniel Gross Catholic High School in Omaha, Neb. When the Marianists withdrew from Gross in 1992, Joe went to the Casa Maria formation community in San Antonio, with ministry in counseling at St. Mary's University. In 2004, Joe retired to the Marianist Residence community in San Antonio.

During his years in the classroom, he taught religion, social studies and English. He moderated student council and the band; he was prefect of resident students; and he served in the guidance office. Visitors to Omaha would walk into his office and see the wall covered with photos of students who came for guidance. He named it his "Wall of Love." In school and community people would be regaled with his teasing and humor and would know he was always cheering for his alma mater Notre Dame. Bro. Joe served the Province as a member of the formation committee in the late 1960s and as an elected Provincial Chapter delegate.