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60 years of profession

I first met the Marianists as a freshman in Bro. Bill Kennealy's homeroom at DeAndreis High School in St. Louis. The brothers and priests at the school were by and large excellent teachers; more importantly, they took a personal interest in us — in the kind of persons we were becoming. They played sports with us on Saturdays and visited with us on their frequent walks through our neighborhoods. They were not only our teachers; they were our role models and our friends.

As I look back on the past 60 years as a professed religious in the Society of Mary, I do so with profound gratitude. I've been privileged to live and work with so many wonderful men during these past 60 years.

I'm deeply grateful to the Society of Mary for the excellent education I have received — at Marynook, Maryhurst, St. Mary's University, the International Seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, and Regis College in Toronto, Canada. I've also had wonderful opportunities to minister both as a brother and as a priest in a variety of settings — teaching religion, English, and Latin and working in athletics in four different high schools; working in campus ministry at St. Mary's University; doing retreat work at the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center and at the Marianist Family Retreat Center; serving as formation director in San Antonio and as seminary rector in Toronto; working at the Institute for Pastoral Life in Kansas City, Missouri, to form lay parish leaders; and for 12 years, serving in provincial administration. Each assignment has afforded me the opportunity to both use and develop my talents in the service of others. And that, after all, is why I joined the Marianists in the first place.

What has been most rewarding throughout these 60 years has been living in community and working side-by-side with men committed to embodying the spirit of Jesus and Mary in their lives and in the lives of others.