



The Marianists

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50 years of profession

I am from a family of seven, growing up in Cleveland, Ohio. There was always a lot of religious faith in our home from my parents, grandparents and siblings. It was during my high school years that I became attracted to the Marianists. There was a wonderful sense of family and community among the 35 brothers and priests teaching at St. Joseph High. I noticed how interested they were in the total welfare of the students and not just in their own teaching area. Looking back, I recognize it as the influence of Mary reflected in their lives.

At some point, I made a retreat for teachers and decided that I wanted to do what they were doing. Joining religious life is a bit like getting married. You don't have a good idea of what you are getting into, but you learn along the way. It has always felt good to be a member of an order that helps people grow as human persons in their faith and expression of love for others, with Mary as a model. Life with my brothers in community has always given me the opportunity to grow.

I went to Africa as a teacher of English and Bible Knowledge, only to find out that I was the one who had the most to learn just from living with the wonderful people of Kenya, Malawi and Zambia. It's that time in Africa that had a great influence on my future path.

I wanted to work with the poor in some way and that got me to St. Aloysius Hunger Center in Cleveland and Mary Magdalen House in Cincinnati. I don't know where the time has gone, but I'm so thankful for the opportunity to share life as a Marianist. It's been a wonderful adventure.