



The Marianists

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I have always been impressed with the family spirit of the Marianists. As a child, I attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's University with my family. My grade school and high school educations were by the brothers. I come from a large family and was influenced by it and saw a striking resemblance in the lives of the brothers. Their family spirit attracted me.

Never had I dreamed that I would travel as a religious. However, I have gone to Japan and many places in between as a Marianist. It's been a great trip. Some of my former students have told me that I influenced them in their lives. Of course, that makes me feel good to know that I have had a good influence on a person's life, but that realization is, most of the time, long in coming.

It's been a great trip to walk with Jesus, even though, at times, I haven't felt His presence. I hope and pray that others will listen to God's call to follow Him in the priestly and/or religious life.