



The Marianists

Fr. Donald Wallace

50 years of ordination

I believe that the Lord and His Blessed Mother called me to the Marianist life through the example of the Marianist Community of my high school, Chaminade, Mineola. The fraternity, happiness, dedication to community life and professional excellence of the brothers made a great impression on me. Brother Roman Wicinski, with his quiet simplicity and openness to us, as students, as well as his missionary death in Africa; and Father Joseph McCoy — and his missionary years in China — were influential in my vocation and, perhaps, had some influence in my living 52 of these 62 years outside the continental United States.

I give thanks to the Lord and to the Marianist charism for the opportunities that I have had in living and working with people of another culture, here in Puerto Rico and in summers spent in Apaseo, Mexico. Besides dedicating these years to Colegio San José, Colegio Ponceño and Misión Noell, I have tried to serve the Church in Puerto Rico, helping out where possible in parishes and religious congregations, especially the cloistered Carmelites.

I give thanks to my family and to our Marianist life and the brothers with whom I have lived. I have been blessed with many graces and opportunities during 62 years of profession and 50 years of the priesthood.