



The Marianists

Brother John Laudenbach

60 years of profession

I first professed religious vows in September 1958. After earning a bachelor's degree in physics at St. Mary's University in Texas, I was assigned to Assumption High School in East St. Louis, Illinois. I served in that city for 44 of my 54 years of education ministry at: Assumption, Vincent Gray Alternative High School and the Catholic Day Care Center. I also taught two years in Milwaukee, six years in St. Louis and two years in Chicago.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve primarily poor, lower-middle- and middle-class families; I am grateful to the Marianists for having allowed me to continue this service for so many years. I also am grateful that I was able to share in ministry with Catholic Urban Programs, and some of its outreach agencies, to associate with holy and dedicated religious and laity in East St. Louis church ministry.

My current ministry at Siena Woods Support Community in Dayton allows me to live a simple and prayerful life as I serve as support staff for the Marianist brothers in that community.