



The Marianists

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50 years of ordination

I am celebrating 50 years of ordination with eight other Marianists: one in the region of Canada, one in the region of Austria, one in the Province of Meribah, and five in the Province of the United States.

I was born and raised in San Francisco, California, and attended high school at Archbishop Riordan High School, administered by the Marianists of the Pacific Province. The pastor at my home parish of St. John the Evangelist made the liturgy an important part of Catholic life and gave that sentiment to the parishioners. He fostered vocations: five to the Marianists, eight to the Ursulines, one to Maryknoll, four to the diocesan priesthood, one to LaSalle Christian Brothers and one to the Society of Jesus. I carried this history with me for the years of fulfilling my calling.

Parish life was an important part of my growing up. So, when I, who expected to be a Marianist teacher in high school, was asked by a bishop to become a pastor, I had to think this over — and I did. I had a meeting with the community to hear what they thought, and they felt as I did, that the Spirit was calling me through the bishop to do something I hadn't placed in my play!

So, I ministered to a parish next to our community for five years until we left the area. I ended up at Chaminade University and became the NCAA representative for the athletic department, while also teaching theology, New Testament and Church history. Then a new surprise occurred, the Provincial asked me to move to St. Anthony's on Maui as pastor. After getting to Maui, the Bishop of Honolulu retired and the new bishop asked me to take the office of Vicar Forane for the islands of Maui, Lanai and Molokai. The Provincial approved the bishop's assignment, and I ended up working for the parish for 14 years and the diocese for 10 years.

Then, after four months at the Vatican II Institute at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, California, I was without an assignment, so I asked to move into the Marianist Center in Cupertino, California. I moved here in January 2008 and have helped with liturgy and housekeeping tasks.