



The Marianists

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*50 years of profession*

I have found spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological and emotional support, acceptance and encouragement from my religious brothers and priests with whom I have lived throughout the past 50 years. We share common goals and Mary's mission. I also like to think that I have shared much of my life, heart, time, energy, talent and commitment with my brothers, as well, in communities in which I have lived. I have been privileged to be a local director for some 18 years in about six different geographic locations in the U.S. and Australia.

More specifically, I have worked as a team person for at least 15 years of ministry in our educational institutions as a teacher, chaplain and friend for students and for faculty members, as well. There's nothing more satisfying than to meet a former student who says, with gratitude, how glad he is that our paths intersected.

I have been ordained for 40 years and also have found much fulfillment as a chaplain, associate pastor and pastor in several schools and parishes throughout the years. Sacramentally, I have been able to get close to others and bring the presence of Christ to them at significant milestone moments in their lives: births, deaths, illnesses, weddings, baptisms, graduations, successes and failures. I find it very heartwarming to lift some of the burdens from others' shoulders by acting in the priestly role as confessor, spiritual director and soul mate.

God has been good to me and so has the Society of Mary!