



The Marianists

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50 years of profession

As a very quiet sophomore in high school at St. Joe's, sitting in biology class, I developed a friendly relationship with my teacher, Brother Don McCoy, as did a few of my friends. As time went on, our group spent more and more time working on different projects with the brothers, helping on retreats and going out on Lake Erie water skiing on the brothers' boat. Not bad!! The brothers' sense of community, along with the teaching, had a big effect on me during those years. Could I someday have the same life-changing effect on young people as the brothers at St. Joe's had on me?

All of a sudden, it is 50 years later! For 46 of those 50 years, I have had the opportunity to live out my life as a Marianist, working with young people. I have been challenged to develop skills I never thought I had. From teaching English, counseling, service trips, global education, and administration, to being in charge of prom, all have been great moments during which I have been able to interact with high school students. This entire ministry was carried out in the context of a supportive, prayerful Marianist community.

It is now 2018, more than 50 years since I went out water skiing on Lake Erie with the brothers. And although I never went out on the boat after high school, I do hope that through my interaction with thousands of students over these past years, I have had the effect on at least one person in the same way the brothers at St. Joe's changed my life.