



The Marianists

BROTHER SYLVESTER BURKEMPER

Brother Sylvester (Syl) Burkemper, 79, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Chaminade College Preparatory for four years as a resident student. He earned a bachelor's degree in social studies in 1960 from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas. After completing his college studies, he served in several ministry assignments in Texas. He also served at, his alma mater, Chaminade College Preparatory. In 1979, he withdrew from the Society of Mary and began working at Boysville in San Antonio. After completing a year's novitiate under Fr. William Behringer, Bro. Syl professed temporary vows in the Society of Mary on May 17, 2015. In recent years, Bro. Syl has been an active member of the Marianist Residence Community in San Antonio. Reflecting on his vows, he quotes the Marianist *Rule of Life*, article 15-16, "Thus by choosing to follow the Lord in the Society of Mary, we commit ourselves irrevocably to the service of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. Through our vows, we take up a way of life like that of Jesus and Mary."