



## **BROTHER FRANCIS T. SPAETH**

*70 years of profession*

Young men, do you want a great career serving God and guiding students? Well, become a Marianist teacher! I always have thanked God for the call to this dynamic vocation — living with outstanding, dedicated men has been an exhilarating experience! The days and years are a challenge, a lot of work with a lot of fun.

Brothers Lucier and Newbauer, excellent teachers at Purcell High, inspired me to become a forest ranger. The Lord had other plans. My brother Don, a crew member of the destroyer, USS Rowan, brought back interesting stories of his days in the North Atlantic. A buddy (Tony Stratman) and I were ready to become Navy pilots. But on the day I walked down the government hall to sign up, there appeared Mr. Lee Thole, admired Scoutmaster of our parish troop, dressed in Marine “blues.” Pilot plans were forgotten, for me!

Some weeks later, I was aboard an old, smoky train headed for Atlanta and then, Paris Island! Four years in the Corps provided a fine training in electronics: a great start for a future physics teacher. During the Marine years, I had considered joining various religious orders — but I eventually joined the Marianists. I always liked the brothers and had found most of them good teachers.

So, in 1948, the future Brother Frank walked into Purcell High asking how to become a brother. That was the start of my career with great associates; thorough spiritual training and life; and challenging and fun days with young students — a variety of works to be done!

So, young men, don't miss your call. Grab this unique opportunity to be an active, Marianist teacher!