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50 years of profession

In my Marianist life, I have sought to be attentive to the call of God, cooperate with the Holy Spirit and be available to the Society of Mary. In this, I have had a broad experience of connectedness and grace.

I have viewed the Rift Valley from the top of Mt. Longonot and, on the same day, celebrated Eucharist in a very small chapel in community. I have participated in the enthusiasm and excitement of the LIFE program with dozens of young people, and I have quietly prayed and reflected with my brothers on retreat. I have taught in high school, served internationally in formation programs, and worked summers on the property of Mount St. John. In all these, and in many more activities, I found the grace and presence of God, the care and companionship of Mary, and the challenge and support of brothers.

I give thanks to my family, my coworkers, my friends and my brothers for having experienced God's love and a taste of the fullness of life promised in Jesus over the last 50 years in the Society of Mary.

Asante sana, dhanyavaad, thank you.