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75 years of profession

A few years ago I learned that the legendary Road to Hana in Hawaii (with its 617 curves) was opened on Dec. 18, 1926, the same day, month and year that I was born in Hamilton, Ohio.

I now look back on my life as a personal Road to Hana, with many turning points and many surprises along the way. I look back with gratitude on all that I have experienced to date. I look forward with hope to the next turning point on the road. In that spirit of thanksgiving and confidence — and with a great sense of wonder — I try to live fully in the present — in the presence of God.

In my years as a Marianist, I am grateful for all I have learned from my mentors as well as from those I served. I have become more and more aware that God touches my life through others, just as I realize that God touches the lives of others through me.

At this point in my life, as I continue on the journey, my hope and prayer is that I may begin each day with fresh enthusiasm. I am grateful for the gift of Marianist spirituality. Inspired by Mary's example and supported by her intercession, I continue to strive to make God the center of my life.