



## **BROTHER JACK SOMERVILLE**

*50 years of profession*

During this jubilee, I celebrate my past with gratitude and look to the future with hope. A summary of my life as a brother would be to list the cities where I have served: Dayton, Dublin, Lusaka, Nairobi, and now, Cupertino. Saying yes to these assignments opened up a world that I never imagined or expected. I have been blessed to have served in and among diverse cultures and a wonderful variety of people.

My father and four brothers were pipefitters. I followed in their footsteps, learning most building trades. I carried my tools far and wide, using them in the service of my brothers and sisters.

“We strive to become men of faith and to ponder all things in the light of revelation. By faith we see how God is at work in human history and in the events of our daily lives.”

These words from our “Rule of Life” continue to inspire me. Marianist life provides us with direction, vision and an opportunity to say *YES* as Mary did, in order to bring Jesus to the world. My life has been a maze of twists and turns, each one providing the challenge to grow in faith, love, compassion and mercy. My personal journals are filled with examples of decisions made in faith, not knowing to what end they might take me.

However, I consider the most important journey to be the journey within. Thomas Merton wrote, “I am realizing more and more that my big task is within myself.” Pondering all things in the light of revelation through the Scriptures each day has been my daily bread, providing me necessary direction.

My deepest thanks go out to those who have accompanied me on the journey thus far: fellow brothers and sisters, family and friends. Amen.

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