



The Marianists

BROTHER JEROME L. MATZ

60 years of profession

I was born in 1940 in Milwaukee and attended Immaculate Conception Grade School where I was taught by the Religious Sisters of Mercy. In 1958, I graduated from Don Bosco High School, taught by the Marianist priests and brothers.

Several factors prompted me to join the Society of Mary: the grace of God; the powerful example of my family's Christian living and faith; the extremely impressive and edifying Marianists who taught me at Don Bosco High School, 1954-1958; and my personal desire to become a teacher.

After my novitiate at Galesville, Wisconsin, I professed first vows on Sept. 5, 1959. My scholasticate was at Maryhurst Normal, Kirkwood, Missouri, (1959-1960) and at St. Mary's University (1960-1962). In May 1962, I graduated from St. Mary's University with a bachelor of arts degree in history. Final vows were pronounced in 1963 in St. Louis.

Teaching assignments brought me to these Marianist high schools where I taught various social studies and religion: St. Mary's High School, St. Louis, (1962-1963); Chaminade College Prep, St. Louis, (1963-1964); and St. Joseph's High School, Victoria, Texas, (1964-1965).

After graduate studies, I received my doctorate in sociology from Saint Louis University in December 1968 and joined the full-time sociology faculty at St. Mary's University in January 1969. Other assignments have included: several terms as sociology chairperson at St. Mary's University; assistant principal at St. Mary's High School (1975-1978); and dean of arts and sciences at St. Mary's University (1981-1983). Between 1969 and 2005, I conducted comprehensive surveys for religious congregations, Catholic parishes, the Archdiocese of San Antonio and schools. In May 2005, I retired from St. Mary's University.

Serving for 60 years as a Marianist brother has been an outstanding gift in my personal life. My most rewarding experiences as a Marianist have been teaching sociology for 36 years at St. Mary's University and conducting 35 different action-oriented surveys for various religious organizations and clients.

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