



## The Marianists

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*60 years of profession*

I was born and raised in Cleveland. I met the Marianists at St. Joseph High School and was caught by their wonderful spirit. I made vocation retreats and, in my senior year, decided to follow their wonderful example and become a brother. I professed first vows on Sept. 2, 1959, at Marcy, New York. After three years of college at Mount Saint John, I began active ministry as a high school teacher. After several years in ministry, and with the urging of my fellow brothers, I asked to be ordained a priest and went to the seminary in Toronto. I was ordained on May 26, 1979, at my home parish in Cleveland.

My years as a Marianist have been very good, filled with many blessings. I have served in leadership positions, actively participated in recruitment of new vocations, and served my fellow brothers, students and others with enthusiasm. In turn, I have been blessed with friends around the world. But I also have been broken by alcoholism that has brought me to a new and deeper awareness of God's unconditional love. I have been very supported by my Marianist brothers over the years and have been able to minister to them and others from what I have learned. Praise God.

I took "amare, vivere, dare" for my novitiate motto: to love, to live, to give. I have tried to live and minister to others with this spirit. I never have had a bad assignment as a Marianist but haven't always wanted to move to new places. But I said "yes" and have tried to live that over the years. Whether working with high school or college students, helping at parishes, offering spiritual direction or pastoral counseling, I have given as best I could. Celebrating 60 years as a Marianist is great. What the future may bring, I do not know, but I pray I will always say "yes."

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