



BROTHER JAMES BROWN

Celebrating 60 years of profession

I am fond of the section of Saint Paul's epistle to the Colossians in which he states, "Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness and ... pray in a spirit of thanksgiving." Colossians 3:15 and 4:2. The past 60 years of being a "Brother of Mary" have been filled with blessing upon blessing. So, I dedicate the following lines in thankfulness to my parents, my brother and sister, and their families, and to the members of the Society of Mary who have graced my life with their support and love.

I am so thankful for all of the forming elements that have taken place during the past 60 years. Living together with members of the Society of Mary has been and continues to be grace-filled and supportive. The most rewarding and holy experience for me these past 60 years has been and continues to be living with wonderful and gracious Marianist Brothers. Words cannot express the gratitude that is my heart for these past 60 years. In the wonderful words of Saint Paul, "Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17. Let all of us be forever thankful for the blessings that we have received and continue whatever we do in the name of the Lord Jesus, Mary's Son.

The ministry of teaching and now development work these past 30 years has been full of many blessings. It has been wonderful for me to experience students and graduates so successful in life — spiritually, and to see and witness their wonderful accomplishments. Also I am forever thankful for such wonderful and gracious benefactors who support our Marianist ministries and works around the world.

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