



BROTHER PAUL METZGER

Celebrating 70 years of profession

I was born in St. Louis in 1929, the last of six children. I graduated in 1947 from South Side Catholic High School, now St. Mary's High School. A couple of the brothers asked me to join the order, but I wasn't interested.

I obtained a job in an automobile insurance company for two years. Also, during that time, I joined the Missouri and U.S. Army National Guard 138th Infantry Regiment in St. Louis. The first year, I was content with my status, but the second year, the Lord began constantly calling me.

In 1949, on my 20th birthday, I arrived in Galesville, Wisconsin, for novitiate and made first vows on August 15, 1950. I made final vows in Galesville in 1956. I graduated from St. Mary's University in 1953 with teaching field in history and English.

My high school teaching assignments included Don Bosco High School in Milwaukee (1953-1957); McBride High School in St. Louis (1957-1961); and Vianney High School, in Kirkwood, Missouri (1961-1962). At the end of that school year, I was called to see Assistant Provincial Bro. Ed Goerd. He told me that the Provincial Council had met and wanted me to change teaching fields to education and to obtain a PhD in education from University of Loyola- Chicago, which I finished in May 1965. At the beginning of the fall semester that year, I began teaching full-time at St. Mary's University and continued there for 37 years.

Several other of my ministries included: assistant principal, Vianney High School (1974-1977); teaching pedagogy in India to several Indian brothers, summer 1961; teaching oral English to Spanish students at St. Laurence College in Dublin for 15 summers; serving part-time as chaplain in the business school at St. Mary's University for seven years; and volunteering in Catholic elementary schools — Holy Rosary and St. Paul's — helping children, especially with their math, for many years and still going.