



## **FATHER CHRISTIAN JANSON**

*Celebrating 60 years of profession*

I was born in St. Louis into a very large family: I had 10 brothers and two sisters. I met the Marianists at St. Mary's in St. Louis and went to the postulate at Maryhurst to complete my education. I earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Saint Louis University, as well as a master's in divinity to complete my seminary training.

I taught at St. Joseph's in Victoria, Texas, and Don Bosco in Milwaukee before beginning my seminary training. After ordination, I served as chaplain/teacher at St. Michael's in Chicago and at Nolan in Ft. Worth, Texas. I then spent 16 years in Mexico at various locations serving as pastor and as teacher /chaplain. I returned to the states to serve at Chaminade Prep in St. Louis as teacher and chaplain and also assisted on the Province vocation team.

From St. Louis, I returned to Texas, serving as a teacher and campus minister at St. Mary's University for a few years. I then became pastor at Holy Rosary Parish for 11 years, followed by service as a pastoral associate at St. Joseph's Parish in Sykesville, Maryland, before serious health issues sidelined me. I came to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio in 2019 and am valiantly battling my handicap.

At heart, I am a teacher. As pastor, I fulfilled that passion, especially in writing a weekly bulletin message. Marianist educators also are ordained. I accepted the invitation in the novitiate to consider ordination. I never lost the desire to learn.

Community life has and continues to call forth from me even unknown gifts.