



BROTHER DONALD NEFF

Celebrating 70 years of profession

I am very grateful and humbled for the blessing of being invited to become a member of **Mary's Special Family**, the Marianists. Especially for one who had no interest in becoming a teacher but planned a career in business (being an entrepreneur)! Mary's call was special and provided me with the opportunity of being an **entrepreneur in education** and to work with youth via education and school administration, and witness my commitment to the world community.

The **calling** when I was in grade eight: "Two-thirds of the world has not heard of Christ," and my response, "Someone had better do something about it," have been the driving force; my assignments (local and international) have challenged and inspired me. I am most grateful for the trust local superiors have had in me to entrust me with the many challenging assignments: principal of a school despite very little teaching experience; Province vocation director; my work with the Marianist Mission office and *especially* for my assignment to Australia.

My basic objective was, and still is, to be recognized as a MEMBER OF MARY'S SPECIAL FAMILY.