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Celebrating 70 years of profession

We were asked to give our thoughts on our lives and service as Marianists. That is not a hard subject upon which to reflect because my life in the Society of Mary has long been one of joy and service with those I love and with whom I live and work.

To me, as a teacher, the helping aspect has been very persistent. I have long enjoyed my classroom work and other interactions with the young people I taught. My days in the classroom with these students were certainly times of much happiness.

Frequent trips to speech tournaments were also times of joy and service, especially when some of the students came back with trophies. And the production of major school plays also brought times of accomplishment shared with the students. I can add that my work in adult parish choirs was also very memorable. Now, in my older years, I have many such moments of joy and accomplishment to look back upon with much pleasure.

Two other major sources of happiness have been my devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and my intense interest in music. Yet another source of joy and service has been my Marianist family life. As different as many of my fellow community members have been, I still found them good to live with. I have been happy to contribute to my fellow brothers with the music I choose and perform in our religious services.

Now, as I reflect upon the joy and service in my Marianist life, I must rejoice that I have been much blessed — in both my community life and my teaching life — and thank the good Lord for these graces and my desire to continue in His service.