



The Marianists

## **BROTHER GERARD SULLIVAN**

*Celebrating 70 years of profession*

Bro. Gerard Sullivan is celebrating 70 years of religious life with the Society of Mary. He was born and raised in St. Louis and professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1950, in Galesville, Wisconsin. He earned a bachelor's degree in social studies and a master's degree in teaching (business administration) from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He completed a two-year program in drug and alcohol counseling at San Jose State University.

Bro. Gerard's teaching career began in Texas, at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio and St. Joseph High School in Victoria. Throughout his teaching ministry in the U.S., he served in St. Louis, East St. Louis, Illinois, Milwaukee and Rockaway, New York. He also spent a total of 12 years of his career teaching in Peru, in Lima, Callao and Trujillo.

In addition to the teaching ministry, Bro. Gerard spent three years doing pastoral work in Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. From 1989 to 1991, he was a jail chaplain for the Santa Clara County Department of Corrections in the diocese of San Jose, Calif. For five years, he served on the youth retreat team for the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center in Eureka, Missouri, and served in Hispanic ministry from 2002-2005 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"My vocation has been an incredible adventure, and I wouldn't trade any part of it. I get on my knees every night and thank Mary and God for the wonderful gift of my vocation," he says.

Bro. Gerard retired in 2007 in Baltimore, where he lived until 2011 when he moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio, where he resides presently.

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