

## **FATHER ROBERT HACKEL** *Celebrating 70 years of profession*

Fr. Robert was born and raised in St. Louis. He professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1951, in Galesville, Wisconsin, and was ordained on April 3, 1965, at the Marianist Seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland.

"I always have liked the Society of Mary. Requests for me to assist in some of its ministries have been a great grace. As a priest, the sacrament of reconciliation has been a sign of the Father's love in bringing Christ to all of us. The joys and challenges of community life have been a means of growth and maturity for me and have given me skills to communicate better and show fraternal appreciation," writes Fr. Robert.

Throughout his Marianist ministry, Fr. Robert served at several Marianist high schools in Ft. Worth, Texas, St. Louis and Honolulu, in both the classroom and as chaplain, along with assisting at nearby parishes on Sundays. He also served in parish ministry in St. Louis, where he was a parish priest, and one year in East Africa.

Fr. Robert is currently in retirement from active ministry at the Marianist Community in Cupertino, California.

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