



## **BROTHER NORBERT KARPFINGER**

*Celebrating 70 years of profession*

It is difficult to imagine that I am celebrating 70 years of Marianist religious life. I believe that I have been greatly blessed the entire time — the first blessing being my family that nurtured me in faith. The next blessing was meeting the brothers at Thomas More High School in Milwaukee. I found my calling there.

My Marianist years break down to two sections: The first section from 1954 to 1989 was spent in service to the Marianist high schools throughout the province. I served as a math and science teacher as well as in administration at McBride, Maryhurst, Assumption, Roncalli, Vianney, St. Mary's and Thomas More. I enjoyed the teaching and the fine people I was serving.

The second section of my life is East St. Louis, Illinois; I was there for 26 years. I began at Vincent Gray Alternative School from 1989 to 1997. I began working for the Catholic Daycare Center in 1997 until 2015, where I was the fundraiser for the group. I wrote letters to just about everyone I knew, and the response was generous. I wrote thank-you notes to all those who shared. The community in which I lived was a House of Prayer, which was very supportive. I felt I made a contribution to the poor people our community served.

I retired in 2015 and came to San Antonio. I continued to write thank-you notes to people who have supported the Marianist Mission. I think that my service of writing thank-you notes is very appropriate for me. I have lived in gratitude all these years due to God's goodness. Jesus and Mary have been my constant companions. Thank you.

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