



## **FATHER PATRICK MCDAID**

*Celebrating 25 years of profession*

From the hallowed “Harvard of the Midwest,” aka: University of Dayton, where the invitation to consider a vocation to the Society of Mary from Lay Marianist Bill Sherman to community, school, military and prison ministries in Honolulu, the past quarter of a century has been filled with grace.

It’s amazing how time flies — 25 years! From my first days of serving Mass at St. Joe’s in Adrian, Michigan, to singing the unofficial fight song of my Dad’s alma mater, St. Ambrose: “Give a cheer, give a cheer, for the nuns who drink the beer, in the cellars of old Ambrose High,” I have been blessed with a faith-filled family and upbringing.

The old adage: “God doesn’t call the qualified, but qualifies the called,” certainly has been my experience. I have had the privilege to live with and be formed by four Marianists I consider saints: George Dury, Francois Rossier, Don Cowie and Allen DeLong. Over the past quarter of a century, I have witnessed God’s mercy, his compassion and his enduring love in my family, students, colleagues, fellow religious, military and friends, and for that I am eternally grateful. I can’t wait to see what the Lord has in store for the next 25 years!

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