



FATHER JAMES RUSSELL

Celebrating 70 years of profession

With the exception of two long assignments in campus ministry at University of Dayton and as chaplain at Governors Island, I have had a number of brief assignments, especially in my early years as a Marianist. These were sometimes difficult and caused me to underestimate the value or efficacy of my ministry. However, I now am amazed at how many folks, even after many years, express gratitude for my work with them. This has helped convince me that it was the Lord who was truly the minister. I simply have tried to be a generous and caring Marianist, doing what was asked of me. And now, looking back on almost 70 years of Marianist life and ministry, I am profoundly grateful to our loving God and our Blessed Mother Mary for my vocation to the Society of Mary.

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