



## **FATHER JOSEPH UVIETTA**

*Celebrating 60 years of ordination*

I was ordained in Fribourg, Switzerland, on July 16, 1961. I returned to the United States to celebrate my first Mass at my home parish, St. Agnes, in San Antonio. I was graced to have my caring family present for that Mass.

In my 60 years of priestly ministry, I have been blessed to have encountered so many wonderful people. My Brothers, my collaborators in ministry, my friends in all walks of life have been a blessing for me. I have had the grace and opportunity to serve as chaplain for some women's religious communities. They have inspired me.

My ministry has allowed me to assist people in good times and in bad times. I have been able to walk with people and help them cope with their situations. I have assisted people to see how God is with them and how they can handle their own situations. People are better than they think they are. One of my goals is to recognize the good in each person.

When I celebrate Eucharist, I always pay attention to the intention for the Mass and pray especially for the person or situation.

My Marianist vocation and my priesthood have been a blessing for me. I hope that my ministry has been a blessing for others.

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