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Celebrating 70 years of profession

Now, at the age of 88, I am filled with gratitude to God for my vocation and grateful to the brothers and priests who have helped me along the way. I have especially enjoyed the lay people of the Marriage Encounter community and the Marian consecration groups who have been an inspiration to me. I am grateful to God for my good health that enables me to continue to work with these people. I am grateful for the Good News of the Gospel, which shows me how wonderful God is. I feel privileged, and I rejoice that I can proclaim these truths to the world.

On the other hand, I am filled with compassion for the poor in a world filled with so much violence and discord because they refuse to take this Good News to heart. I also am sad that not many young people choose this wonderful vocation of religious life. There is so much evil in the world that God needs men and women to devote themselves 24/7 in order to help to save the world.

Another aspect of the Marianist life that I've enjoyed is its community life and daily Eucharist that binds us together in love as we joyfully work together for the salvation of souls.

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