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Celebrating 60 years of profession

At the end of my novitiate, I chose as my motto Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Today I would choose Luke 1:47: "My soul magnifies the Lord." As a magnifying glass makes details clearer, so too, when looking at what God has done for/through me, the Lord is magnified.

I've lived in different cultures and been deeply graced through contact with the people of each culture, especially their values and way of life — their language, customs, music, art and literature. My family gave me faith, which was nurtured in my parish, explained in schools, deepened by our Marianist spirit and reshaped by the people of each culture — especially those called "the poor." Through the eyes of faith, I stand in awe and say "How great thou art!"

God has been at work in the heart of every person with whom I have lived and worked. I am, today, the result of people who have touched me in their own unique ways and of the choices I have made. Our Marianist spirituality and way of life has impacted me. I can see by faith that Mary's way, the Marianist community way, is mine by the grace of God.

Although as a scholastic, I was not able to pursue a degree in music, music has been important to me. Like a single, brightly colored thread, it is woven into the very fabric of my life. I am happy today that I can promote our Marianist charism through music. Music truly has been a gift from God.

I learned about "nonviolent communication" only recently. Nonviolence is the core of the Gospel. It is Mary's spirit, too. I pray that I can just take "one day at a time" and be true to the Gospel of nonviolence.

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