



## **FATHER GEORGE MONTAGUE**

*Celebrating 75 years of profession*

My 75 years in the Marianists have taught me the truth of the Gospel: that life has meaning and joy in giving oneself in service. And doing so in a common mission with my Marianist brothers under the banner of Mary has been the most fulfilling joy of my life. Community life keeps me grounded in reality and is a safeguard against independent hubris. I am deeply grateful to the particular Marianist brothers who have inspired me by their wisdom, encouragement, counsel and example.

I was blessed with leading the seminarians in St. Louis and Toronto, in serving on the Provincial Administration and spent six years as director of our Indian novices in Kathmandu, Nepal. Teaching Scripture at St. Mary's University has been a life-giving joy. My only regret is the many ways I have fallen short of the Marianist ideal and the good I failed to do. But as St. Paul says: God makes all things work together unto good; and St. Augustine adds, "even our sins."