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Celebrating 70 years of profession

The following is an abbreviation of my concern for the Society of Mary and the Church:

The late Bro. L. Meinhardt, director at Maryhurst, told us (scholastics) that upon moving into community, conversation would not center on content of course material. While true, this was/is a tragedy for the Society of Mary, as well as for the Church, as shown by reasons for exodus from the Church. (PEW and/or Cara list reason for leaving church as something like what I heard a research-teacher say when asked if he had a religion; he replied that he did, but not after getting into science — he has no time for such.) I know that such conversation easily can turn into discord, but still needs to be addressed and resolved so that pursuit of truth, good, valuable (loveable) will appear in religion very similarly to the way it appears in math, science and all good secular courses.

Concern for how to raise instruction up to full education and for resolving the exodus has grown for me evermore since Bro. Meinhardt's observation back in 1952-53. How can we really resolve how to raise instruction up to Christian education (Article 266 in Blessed William Joseph Chaminade's authoring of 1839) AND stem the exodus?