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Celebrating 50 years of profession

I believe the words from John 1:16 “grace upon grace” sum up my experience of Marianist religious life throughout these 50 years. I’ve experienced God’s continued flow of grace upon me through an ongoing invitation into deeper prayer, through the meaningful relationships with my brothers in community and through those I have served in ministry. As I look back over these 50 years, I identify with the words spoken by many other Marianists, “The Society of Mary has called me into areas of service and into ministries that I never dreamed possible.”

Becoming a Marianist has stretched me in so many ways. And through it all, I have come to experience the reality of the first two objects of Marianist religious life — my own sanctification and the salvation of others. Through living in community with my brothers and through the various ministries in which I’ve been involved: working brother construction crew in Cupertino, California; university campus ministry; teaching high school religious studies; being a community director; retreat ministry; spiritual direction and now, in Marianist studies at NACMS, I have grown spiritually and, in turn, have supported so many others in their spiritual growth. To sum it up, the gift I have received as a Marianist is the gift I have shared with so many others; this, indeed, is a life of grace upon grace!

