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Celebrating 60 years of profession

During the past 60 years as a Marianist, I have been graced and blessed to serve as a teacher at a number of our Marianist high schools, along with services as campus minister and principal. I have served as director of a Newman Center, an assistant novice master, and as a pastor at St. Anthony Church. Empowering student leaders in ministry and staff/administrators in high school and university, along with religious and spiritual leadership formation in parish, has been an enriching experience for me. Sharing our Marianist Charism with novices and Lay Marianists has deepened my vocation as a member of our religious community. I have been blessed to have served in various ministries with teachers, staff, administrators, alumni, students and parents as integral parts of my life.

I am grateful and thankful to have been blessed with family and friends in Hawaii and California who have supported and loved me in my life throughout my 60 years as a Marianist brother and priest — 16 years as a brother and 44 years as a priest. My Marianist brothers in community have affirmed and confirmed my gifts and talents to live community life with prayer, faith and service. Deepening personal relationships with parishioners for the past 14 years and growing together spiritually have been a grace and blessings for me.

I treasure the opportunity to come back to Hawaii after 20 years on the mainland. To share laughter and conversations and tell stories of our Hawaiian heritage, Filipino culture and American traditions have been exciting for me to appreciate my roots here in Hawaii. I loved to play the ukulele and guitar at community and family gatherings, parties and parish events. It has been a challenge and blessing to share our Marianist Charism of hospitality, Mary, faith and service with others. I continue to pray to God and our Blessed Mother Mary for the grace to remain faithful and loyal to my Marianist vocation.