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Celebrating 70 years of Profession

I grew up in a very religious family environment on a small farm. We were a big family, growing and sharing in life and our faith. I thought I wanted to be a priest or religious starting in grade school. I joined the Marianists in high school mainly because I liked the brothers who taught me. Their goodness, cheerfulness, and care for one another attracted me. I have been happy in my religious life. God has been good – all the time. I loved teaching and sharing with high school students.

For years now, I have ministered with Lay Marianist affiliates across the Midwest and Southwest. I have truly enjoyed this ministry. I find most people are basically good, and most are on their way to holiness. I believe this came first from my parents and my many siblings. My fellow religious and so many wonderful lay people have been models for me to imitate their goodness and holiness. Praise be God and Mary for allowing me such a free, good, and holy religious life!

I have been serving in San Antonio, TX, since 2022. I am Chaplain in Community; a minister replacement at Holy Rosary Parish; a minister for Sacraments at St. Mary's University when requested; and travel as Spiritual Assistant for Lay Marianist Groups in the Midwest.