



FATHER CHRISTIAN JANSON

Celebrating 50 years Priestly Ordination

At heart, I am a teacher. As a pastor, I would fulfill that passion, especially in writing the weekly bulletin message. Marianist educators are both brothers or priests (ordained). I accepted the invitation in the Novitiate to consider ordination. I never lost the desire to learn. After attaining my master's degree, I continued learning, obtaining various certifications in Clinical Pastoral Education and Mission Orientation, a fellowship at Boston College's Lonergan Institute, and a certification in Spiritual Direction.

After several falls and suffering a stroke, I have learned to continue living and serving in my religious community in a more limited capacity with the use of a wheelchair. I continue to devote a great amount of time to the ministry of prayer. I am also devoted to the ongoing fraternal support of my brothers in the Marianist residence, especially with my fellow brothers in our St. Joseph nursing wing.

Over the years, my most rewarding experiences as a Marianist have been in teaching: primarily in English and Latin in the earlier years, and after my ordination, my priestly service as a chaplain in schools and as a pastor in several parishes. I am very proud of my Marianist heritage and spirituality. Sharing our charism with others in our Marianist family and beyond has always given me joy.