



Brother William Bolts

Celebrating 70 years of Profession

I was born on September 7, 1935, in San Francisco, CA. I attended St. John the Evangelist Grade School, Archbishop Riordan High School, and Saint Mary's College. I earned a master's degree from UCLA and a PhD from Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh.

I spent 13 years teaching religion and history at Serra High School in Gardena, CA and another two years teaching history at Archbishop Riordan. I served at the Newman Center for the University of California at Santa Cruz and spent more than ten years as the assistant administrator at Queen of Apostles Parish in San Jose. After that, I served in Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Vancouver in British Columbia and am currently retired at the Marianist Center in Cupertino, CA.

I am thankful to God and Mary, my family, my nurturing home parish, and fellow Marianists.

As I look back, I could never have imagined what has unfolded: a variety of teaching positions in various settings and levels, a vast experience of ministries, writing three published volumes and professional articles related to U.S. Catholicism, traveling the United States, Europe, Asia, and elsewhere, while in Province leadership, on pilgrimages and study tours, meeting and interacting with such diverse peoples, having a variety of ministries, two of which encompassed 13 years each, and even a foreign assignment (though it was about 50 miles from the U.S. border).

I could never have imagined most of this in my wildest dreams. To all who made this unfold — I am most thankful! I am most grateful to have been called to be a Marianist religious brother in a society founded by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade for the glory of God and the honor of Mary.