



## **Brother Richard Dix,**

### *Celebrating 75 years of Profession*

I first met the Marianists during my freshman year at Don Bosco High School. The school was just opening, and I was the sixth student to register. I had all Marianist teachers and was impressed by their cheerfulness, happiness, and caring attitude toward the students and each other. This was impressive since they were temporarily living and sleeping in empty classrooms with bedsheet partitions. I was very impressed by what they were doing and how they were doing it. I could see myself doing this. In my junior year, I became a postulant in St. Louis and, a year later, went to the novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin.

When I joined, I assumed I would do what most of them did, which was teach high school students all their life. My life did not turn out that way, but I am not complaining. I taught but also did other things. I served as provincial assistant for temporalities for a total of 20 years. I was a registrar at St. Mary's University for ten years. Finally, as a senior religious, spending time on business manager stuff and maintenance work. I have been happy doing all of them and feel blessed by God and the wonderful people I have worked with, especially my fellow brothers. I have never regretted joining the Marianists.

I was born in 1932 and lived on the south side of Milwaukee. It was definitely a Polish area, with our parish being St. John Kanty. I am one of six children, one younger brother and four sisters, two older and two younger. It was easy to convince my parents to allow me to go to St. Louis since my older sister had joined the School Sisters of Notre Dame the year before.