



Father Timothy Eden

Celebrating 60 years of Profession

The brothers at Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco were my inspiration for joining the Society of Mary. Their commitment to the students was part of it, but the fraternity they showed us in their life together and the masculine religious tone they gave to the school were what convinced me that I wanted to join them. At one point in my life, I had thought of the diocesan priesthood, but my encounter with the Marianists at Riordan put that aside for good.

Those same qualities that first attracted me have been the things that have kept me with the Society. A fraternity that transcends differences in ages, positions, educational levels, and talents has been an ideal I believe in. I think it's only in religious faith that that kind of ideal can be realized. We have certainly not always lived by that ideal model, but we have never lost the striving for it. I'm grateful for the Society's commitment to the striving.

It is the Society that taught me how to love scripture and has sustained me throughout the years. And it is the Society that taught me to love Mary and appreciate the power of her presence and meaning in the church.