



## **Brother Daniel Klco**

### *Celebrating 50 years of Profession*

I first met the Marianists in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1970 when I needed a place to stay while attending Western Michigan University. At the time, I was discerning the diocesan priesthood, but the experience of prayer, community, and ministry in the community and the example of the brothers' lives changed everything.

I've spent most of my ministry with college students at University of Dayton and St. Mary's University. It has been a blessing to work with them. In addition, I have had the blessing of living most years in formation communities with live-ins, aspirants, novices, and temporary professed. It has been a privilege to assist them in their life and spiritual journeys. A special grace has been to live with and assist the international Marianists who came to work on advanced degrees from various places in Africa and India. They have taught me so much about their lives, cultures, and the wider Marianist world. In addition, I have been deeply touched by religious and those in formation who have come from French, Spanish, and Korean speaking countries. Living with them and seeing their courage, struggle, and determination to learn English has motivated me to learn Spanish, which I am currently doing.

I have been blessed with wonderful Marianist spiritual directors and friends who have helped me to grow spiritually and as a Marianist. My relationship with Jesus has grown steadily over the years, and my relationship with Mary has greatly matured during my four years assisting in the novitiate and living in San Antonio, where Our Lady of Guadalupe is very present in the lives of the people of Southern Texas.

To quote Dag Hammarskjold, "For all that has been – Thanks! To all that shall be – Yes!"