



Brother Daniel Stupka, SM

Celebrating 75 years of Profession

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, where I attended St. Ignatius Grade School and Cathedral Latin High School. I professed my First Vows on September 8, 1950, in Marcy, NY, before attending University of Dayton where I earned a bachelor's degree in music education in 1954. I then attended The Ohio State University, earning a Master of Music Education in 1960, followed by a master's in liturgy from University of Notre Dame in 1970.

In my early years of Marianist service, I spent one year as an English and music teacher at the Marianist postulate in Beacon, New York (1953-54), followed by four years teaching English at St. Joseph High School in my hometown of Cleveland. From 1958 until 1963 I served as an English and band teacher at Hamilton Catholic High School before I began a one-year second novitiate program in Missouri. I then moved to the Marianist novitiate in Marcy, New York, where I served as a teacher and music director from 1964 until 1969.

I relocated from New York to Memphis Catholic High School in Tennessee where, from 1969 until 1977, I served in various roles including assistant principal, teacher, and moderator for the speech and drama clubs. I then moved to Moeller High School in Cincinnati for two years, serving as an English teacher and speech and drama club director, before returning to Memphis Catholic High School in 1979 where I remained until 1988, also serving as community director for three years during that time.

In 1988 I began 11 years of service in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, first as a teacher at North Catholic High School and then in a grade-school program supervisory role. I later served as music director at several parishes in the Pittsburgh area before returning to Cincinnati in 1999 where I spent eight years as music director at St. Francis de Sales Parish while concurrently serving two years as Chapel Music Director at the De Sales Marianist residence. From 2010 through 2022, I visited India twelve times to assist the University of Dayton program and in later years, to work with the novices and postulants.

I began serving as Chapel Music Director at Alumni Hall of the University of Dayton in 2007 while also assisting at the Marian Library, remaining in Dayton until 2015 when I moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio, Texas, where I continue my music ministry as music director for the community.

Throughout my career, two major sources of happiness have been my devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and my intense interest in music. Yet another source of joy and service has been my Marianist family life. Now, as I reflect upon that joy and service, I must rejoice that I have been greatly blessed—in both my community life and my teaching life. I thank the Good Lord for these graces and my desire to continue in His service.