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### *Celebrating 70 years of Profession*

“For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.” That quote from Dag Hammarskjöld has always captured a milestone moment for me. As I reflect on these 70 years as a Marianist, I am grateful to God for so many blessings—too many to count—and I recall a verse from one of the Psalms: “What return shall I give the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take up the chalice of salvation and call upon the Lord.”

I thank God for the blessing of my family, my fellow brothers, so many friends, students, Pillar parishioners for all their love and support and encouragement over the years. I am grateful for all the different ministries especially the sacramental ministry as a Marianist Priest. I am grateful for all the education and opportunities for travel—opening my mind and heart to the wonder and mysteries of life and it’s all grace.

The past is past, and I leave my sins to God’s mercy, trusting in His love, and I ask for the grace to live fully in the present moment in His presence. As St. Paul says, I am still running the race at the ripe old age of 88 and fighting the good fight right here and now.

The finish line to this race is coming down the homestretch and as the letter to the Hebrews says it so well: I am trying to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus and trusting in Mary’s intercession for all the graces I need to continue to help Mary in Her mission of bringing Jesus into this broken world for whatever time the Lord gives me before He calls me home.

Our Church celebrates this Jubilee Year of HOPE. And so, for me and my fellow Marianist Jubilarians, we are grateful to be anchored in that hope of our Marianist vocation. “For all that has been, thanks! For all that will be, YES.”