



Brother Lawrence Scrivani, SM

Celebrating 60 years of Profession

I was born and raised in San Francisco, CA, where I attended School of the Epiphany, followed by Archbishop Riordan High School, graduating in 1964. I then attended Chaminade University of Honolulu in Hawaii for three years before moving to the University of San Francisco, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1969. I went on to earn a Master of Arts from California State University in San Francisco (1975), a certificate from the Advanced Archival Studies Institute at the University of Denver (1980) and attended the International Mariological Research Institute at University of Dayton from 1997 to 2000.

I professed my First Vows on August 15, 1965, in Santa Cruz, CA. When I joined, people told me that as a Marianist, I would spend my life in the classroom. Since my call was to the religious life, I left future employment to providence. I did indeed begin in the classroom in 1969, teaching social studies at my alma mater, Archbishop Riordan High School, until 1972. Following my master's degree, I relocated to Chaminade University of Honolulu, where I taught humanities from 1975 to 1977.

Doors opened to new paths I could not have foreseen that allowed me to advance Mary's cultural mission outside the classroom. From 1977 to 1992, I served as the Provincial Archivist in the Pacific Marianist Archives followed by nine years as a book buyer for the Ave Maria Community Book Center in San Jose, CA. I returned to my role as an archivist in 2001, serving in the archives of the Diocese of Monterey, CA (2001-2007); for the Junipero Serra Cause through the Santa Barbara Mission archives (2008-2009); the Monterey County Historical Society (2008-2009); and for the California State Parks Department at Monterey State Historic Park (2009-2011). I then served as a conservator for the Gellert Library's rare book and special collections in Menlo Park, CA (2011-2012) and as a volunteer archivist for the Archdiocese of San Francisco (2012-2015).

In 2016, I moved to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio, TX, where I continue to transport patients to medical appointments, social events, and across state lines in addition to managing the three house libraries—spirituality, Marianist, and recreational—and processing the effects of the deceased brothers. During this time, I have also operated the special collections and university archives of the Blume Library at St. Mary's University, with plans to retire in August of this year.

Jesus promised that those who gave up family, property, and career for His sake would have a hundredfold in this life and eternal life as well. He has kept His side of the bargain better than I could have imagined.