



Brother Michael Kraszewski, SM

Celebrating 60 years of Profession

Born in New York, NY, on December 24, 1943, I grew up in Brooklyn and Queens, where I attended St. John's Home for Boys until the eighth grade. I went on to study at the New York School of Printing (1959-1963) before professing my First Vows on August 22, 1965, in Marcy, NY.

My Marianist ministry has taken me from New England to the Caribbean in a variety of settings—from the Marianist Postulate (1965) and Chaminade High School (1966) in Beach and Mineola, NY, respectively, to Colégio San Jose in Puerto Rico (1971) and

Chaminade High School in Hollywood, FL (1985), and then to Massachusetts at North Cambridge Catholic School (1995) and the Espousal Retreat House in Waltham (1997).

Since 2010, I have been semi-retired in residence at the Hollywood Marianist Community in Hollywood, FL, where I continue my ministry in the local community as a volunteer at Nativity Parish, a hospital chaplain and Eucharistic minister at Memorial Hospital, and as a prayer leader for a communion service at Five Star Assisted Living.

The greatest joy I have today is to be very thankful to God for the many people who have touched my life over the past 60 years, especially the many Marianists who have gone before me and who have encouraged me in my faith life to continue with the strength to follow Jesus each day for 60 years. I am ever so grateful for the many people with whom I have served in schools, parishes, retreat houses, and the Charismatic Renewal. I am also grateful to God for putting me in the right place or ministry at the right time to be a witness for Christ's presence for each person.