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Celebrating 60 years of Profession

Born and raised in Covington, KY, I attended St. John the Evangelist for grade school, followed by Covington Catholic High School, before professing my First Vows in Marcy, NY, on August 22, 1965. I went on to University of Dayton and Dayton Art Institute, where I earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, before attending the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago.

My first assignment—which lasted 17 years—was teaching art to students in years 7-12 at St. Paul's College in Altona North, Victoria, Australia. In 1970, I was a young, inexperienced, 24-year-old Marianist Brother, but after spending that first year getting used to Australia and its way of life, I fell in love with it. Living in a different country, hearing different accents (I think at the time, we had about 35 nationalities represented in our school), and learning different ways of doing things opened new worlds for me. It was a time I will never forget.

I am always envious of my fellow brothers here in the U.S. who talk about meeting or speaking with former students. I often wonder what has become of the many young men whom I had the privilege of instructing from 1970 until 1987. I keep them in my thoughts and prayers and wish them all good things.

Leaving Australia in December 1987 was very difficult, but I took many graces from my time living there with me. I want to take this occasion of my 60th Jubilee to thank everyone—students, families, and friends—who were part of my development and helped me get to this point in my life.

Upon returning to the U.S., I served at the Marianist Press and Provincial Office in Dayton, OH, before joining the Provincial Office in St. Louis, MO, as a Staff Assistant in 2002—a position I still hold today.

A high point in my life occurred in September 2023 when I was asked by the administration of Emmanuel College (a combination of St. Paul's and the new Notre Dame campuses) if I would allow them to name a new arts building after me and bring me back "home" to Australia for its dedication. What an honor! What I found there was a school very much in the Marianist tradition—they have continued the work we began in 1965 even though there have been no Marianist personnel present since 1987. I am blessed to have been part of this legacy.