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Celebrating 60 years of Profession

I was born in Erie, PA, in 1941 and raised in Edinboro, PA, where I attended the local grade school and high school. I earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, PA, in 1962 and worked in tool and die design for three years before professing my First Vows on August 23, 1966, in Marcy, NY.

I'm often drawn back to childhood memories with my grandmother at the start of my artistic journey, noticing transcendent images while walking through rows of wet sheets on the backyard lines or viewing the myriad of apple blossoms on the trees outside my bedroom window. I also remember her escorting my protesting first-grade self to school while I was yelling, "I'll be there for the rest of my life!" –a prophecy that proved true, as much of my ministry has been in education.

From 1967 to 1976, I taught mechanical drawing at Purcell Marian High School in Cincinnati, OH, and then served as a teaching assistant at Boston University in Massachusetts until graduating with a BFA in Furniture Design in 1980. For the next several years, I was an instructor in the independent design studio at the Novitiate Community in Dayton, OH, until relocating to Providence, RI, in 1991 to study at the Rhode Island School of Design and again serve as a teaching assistant while earning my MFA in Furniture Design in 1993. That fall, I began teaching three-dimensional foundations, design, and sculpture at the University of Dayton and am a professor emeritus of art and design today.