



Bro. Joseph Kamis, SM

Celebrating 60 years of Profession

Born on Christmas Day 1946 in Cleveland, OH, I attended Our Lady of Peace elementary school and graduated from Cathedral Latin School in 1965. I professed First Vows on August 22, 1966, in Marcy, NY, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies from the University of Dayton in 1969 and a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration from John Carroll University in University Heights, OH, 10 years later.

My educational ministry began in 1969 at my alma mater, Cathedral Latin School, where I taught American history and government for five years before serving as the assistant principal for discipline, followed by president/principal until 1979. I then served five years as principal/manager of St. Laurence O'Toole College in Dublin, Ireland, before returning to OH, where I served one year as assistant principal at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland and five years as principal at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati.

In 1991, my ministry was redirected toward serving the former Cincinnati Province, first as Assistant Provincial for nearly six years and then as Provincial for five years, ending with the consolidation of the four U.S. Provinces in 2002. I returned to education for another seven years, serving as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until 2010, at which time I was named Assistant Provincial for the Marianist Province of the United States in St. Louis, MO, a position I held for eight years.

From 2019 until 2022, I served as an assistant to the director of the Marianist residence in San Antonio, TX. I am currently in my fourth year as director of the Marianist community at Governor's Island Retreat House and St. George Chapel in Huntsville, OH.

The significance of 60 years as a Marianist causes me to pause and reflect with much thankfulness on the many blessings I've received over all these years. I am most grateful to our loving God and Jesus' mother Mary for the guidance and graces received, as well as the support of the brothers I've lived with and my own natural family, who have walked with me on this journey. I am very thankful for the past, the present, and what will come. Praised be Jesus and Mary, now and forever. Amen!