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Celebrating 60 years of Profession

Growing up in a family of seven in Cleveland, OH, I was surrounded by strong religious faith from my parents, grandparents, and siblings. During my high school years at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, I became drawn to the Marianists. The 35 brothers and priests teaching there fostered a remarkable sense of family and community. I noticed how interested they were in the total welfare of the students, extending beyond their specific teaching responsibilities. Looking back, I recognize it as the influence of Mary reflected in their lives.

Joining religious life is a bit like getting married--you don't have a good idea of what you are getting into, but you learn along the way. It has always felt good to be a member of an order that helps people grow as humans in their faith and expression of love for others, with Mary as a model. Life with my brothers in community has always given me the opportunity to grow.

I traveled to Africa to teach English and Bible knowledge, but soon realized I was the one who had the most to learn from living among the wonderful people of Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia. My experiences in Africa profoundly influenced my future path.

My desire to serve those in need led me to the St. Aloysius Hunger Center in Cleveland and the Mary Magdalen House in Cincinnati, OH. In recent years, I have also helped support others in their growth journeys through the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ. I don't know where the time has gone, but I'm so thankful for the opportunity to share life as a Marianist. It has been a wonderful adventure.