Dear Friends of the Society of Mary,

Earlier this year, I attended a concert at the University of Missouri-St. Louis to hear the Moipei Quartet, a Kenyan singing group comprised of identical triplets and a younger sister: Mary, Magdalene, Marta and Seraphine. I have known these girls since they were very young. This year, they are on a concert tour across the United States. As I sat behind their parents in the theater, I could sense their immense pride and gratitude.

I’ve experienced my own sense of pride and gratitude as I’ve seen graduates of the Marianist programs in Eastern Africa and India help poor children and women break out of the cycles of poverty and create better lives for themselves and their families.

My most direct experience has been with the graduates of Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School, a Marianist-sponsored school in one of Nairobi’s worst slums. One example is Jenipher Nyawera, a student who came to the school desperately hungry and in need of the daily lunch program. She was immensely successful, receiving a sponsorship to high school and university studies, and eventually medical school. In December 2012, Jenipher, born and raised in the slum, became the first MD graduate of OLN.

James Karanja Kibunye (see his story and the stories of other successful OLN grads on page 4) is a bright and resourceful entrepreneur who won a scholarship and achieved his accounting degree from one of the best universities in Kenya. He now works for a pharmaceutical company and is developing his own farming operations.

Then there is Maurice Otieno, who began at OLN in first grade and completed his bachelor’s degree in commerce in December 2013, the first in his family to finish university. He is now training to become a commercial pilot, having watched the planes of Kenya Airways fly over the slums from the time he was born.

These young people have talent, ambition and drive — and they had the extra support of OLN. Sadly, too many lack opportunity and someone who can open a door for them.

I have felt immense pride and gratitude for these young men and women, much like Christine and Nicholas Moipei must feel for their daughters. But I also have deep gratitude for the people who have made these opportunities possible for them.

Often, when I would write to funding agencies, seeking support for the school, I would be told that their interest was in “development projects,” not schools. What could be more “developmental” than the development of a child?

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In Christ and Mary,

Father Martin Solma, SM
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Soaring To High Places

Graduates of a Marianist-sponsored school in one of Nairobi’s worst slums tell their stories.

By Jan D. Dixon
Sometimes it takes just one person — an adult who notices — to change a life forever. It may be a child’s personality or creativity that’s noteworthy. Sometimes it’s a student’s unrelenting determination. For Faith Kamene Munuve, it was the highest score on a national exam that any student at Our Lady of Nazareth had ever achieved. Those test results caught the attention of her math teacher and sent her life soaring in a new direction.

“It was one of the greatest moments of my life,” recalls Faith, 21, who, following her eighth grade exam, received a Marianist sponsorship to high school and later a scholarship to Nairobi University. She will graduate next year with a degree in economics.

A sponsorship is the bridge that enables many bright OLN grads to enter some of the best high schools in Nairobi. It is an opportunity ripe with potential. If a student earns high marks on his or her college entrance exams, it opens the door to a university degree and eventually a life outside the slum. “For most, it’s their only way out,” says Marianist Brother Joseph Maricky, director of OLN, who oversees the school’s sponsorship program (see sidebar on page 7).

A single sponsorship is a powerful act of faith — whether helping a child through primary school at OLN, assisting him or her through high school, or providing financial support in college. It also has a ripple effect. Explains Brother Joseph, “It helps the student, but indirectly it helps the entire family make their way out of poverty. If you listen to their stories, you will hear this — and how much it means to have people believe in them.”

**The road back**

*Mukuru kwa Njenga*, where OLN is located, has the distinction of being one of the worst slums in Kenya. But despite its deplorable living conditions, it was the only place Faith’s mother could afford.

As a single parent, she struggled to feed their family of six. “She made very little money,” says Faith. “We never had enough food. It was hard. But everyone around me had the same problem.”

What was more disconcerting to Faith was the lack of safety in Mukuru, especially for girls. “I heard about many rapes. I had to be very careful. I paid close attention to who I hung out with,” says Faith.

Fear permeates slum life, punctuated in the night by outbursts among neighbors and unruly gangs. It’s a wonder any young adult would come back there to work — but that’s exactly what Rafael Mutiso (pictured on cover), 27, was determined to do.

Orphaned at age 13, Rafael and two of his siblings moved in with his aunt and her children. “There were eight of us,” says Rafael. “I slept on the floor. My aunt didn’t have a stable income, but she had a big heart.”

She enrolled Rafael at OLN, one of the best things, he says, to happen to him. That, plus meeting visiting teachers from Oxford, England, who came to teach computer training classes. “They were passionate about computers and helping us learn,” says Rafael. “I remember thinking then: ‘I want to be like them.’”

Rafael received a Marianist sponsorship to high school, followed by a scholarship to Nairobi University. He completed a degree in information science and heads up computer training at OLN. Soon he will help open a media resource center. Though he now lives outside the slum, he returns to the school “because I want these students to rise to a higher level,” says Rafael. “I will do everything I can to help them succeed.”

**“Men who believed in me”**

Both Michael Githae, 25, and Tom Caligan Saisi, 24, landed in Mukuru as orphans. Michael began living with his older sister in Mukuru when he was 10 years old. His mother had died from AIDS. His father, also dying from the disease, asked Michael’s sister to look after him. She enrolled him at OLN, a school where 800 of the nearly 2,000 students are orphans.
Tom and his younger brother grew up in their uncle’s household in Mukuru after their father died and their mother was nowhere to be found. Tom was 8 years old when he entered the fourth grade at OLN.

While Tom was a serious student, Michael often spent his days on the streets, picking through garbage and hustling to sell whatever he found. Desperately hungry, Michael began showing up at OLN for food. Tom sought refuge at the school as a safe haven from the slum, though by now he had developed ulcers. It wasn’t long, however, before both boys came under the influence of Martin Adero, senior teacher at OLN, who noticed something special about these youngsters.

“He saw I had potential,” recalls Michael, who credits Martin for giving him the courage to believe that if he worked hard, he could go to college and leave the slum.

Michael began applying himself and received a Marianist sponsorship to high school. When it came time to go to college, “I told Father Martin Solma (who served at the school and is now provincial for the Province of the United States) that I’d like to help people with HIV — people like my mom and dad,” says Michael. With help from sponsors, he attended nursing school and just completed his internship. He plans to complete an advanced degree in anesthesiology.

Tom also received a sponsorship to attend high school and later entered Nakuru KMTC University where he studied medicine. Tom will complete his internship as a physician assistant this year. He is thrilled with the outcome. “Now I am empowered to take on life,” he says.

For Tom, overcoming life in the slum took the help of many people. “The support of Mr. Martin and Father Martin — men who believed in me even when I couldn’t see my potential — made all the difference.”

Tom recently sent an email to his mentors. “I cried when I told them I passed the exam and qualified for the internship,” he says. “It felt so good.”
**Full circle**

Tom’s first goal after he completes his training is to get a good job and move his family out of the slum. It’s a goal of every OLN grad — one that James Karanja Kibunye, 24, has already attained.

“I am building my mom a home on family land outside the city,” he says. “Once I am done building the house, I will get my own place.”

James has been working for two years in procurement for a pharmaceutical company after receiving a sponsorship to attend high school and completing a degree in business at KCA University. He also has started a few business enterprises.

But he hasn’t forgotten his teachers and friends from OLN. He goes back to the school regularly. Last year he and five OLN grads started an alumni group. They now have 300 members.

“These young people still face many challenges,” say Brother Joseph. “They want to stabilize their lives and help their families. Yet they started an alumni group and have set goals to help our primary school students.”

Many are committed. “I want to sponsor a student,” says Faith, “and believe in them the way my sponsors believed in me. By the grace of God, I will do that.”

By God’s grace, the sponsorship program will continue to provide needy students with more than an academic education. All students at OLN eat breakfast and lunch at school — usually their only meals each day — and all receive health checkups, uniforms, books, religious instruction and adult mentoring. “We depend on the generosity of donors to assist our students throughout primary school,” says Brother Joseph. “This is the foundation they will build on for the rest of their lives.”

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Rob Brodrick’s appreciation of the Marianists has matured over time — at the pace of a leisurely walk. He took his first steps into Marianist culture thanks to his godfather, Marianist Brother Gary Marcinowski. After graduating from the Marianist-sponsored University of Dayton, he lived in a community as a Lay Marianist.

“I remember Marianist Brother Tom Pieper explaining that the Marianists work slowly and subtly — that it’s a charism for the long run,” says Rob, 29. But one of Rob’s choices moved quickly — involvement in the Adèle Social Justice Project. “The moment I learned about ASJP’s mission, it immediately made sense,” says Rob. “I thought, ‘yes, that’s something young people need to be doing.’”

A namesake’s inspiration

The ASJP taps into the energy of young adults who are passionate about Marianist spirituality and Catholic social justice issues. It is named in honor of Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon (1789 - 1828). With the support of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, she established the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (the Marianist sisters) in 1816. The following year, Father Chaminade created the Society of Mary.

Adèle was both a contemplative and an activist. She died at the age of 39, and her legacy inspires ASJP members to dedicate themselves to prayer, support in the form of community, and outreach in the form of good deeds — especially to the poor and marginalized.

Inspired by the idea that young adults can be a tremendous resource, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative launched the ASJP 10 years ago. Serving on the 2014 core leadership team with Rob are Clare Acosta, Michela Buccini and Lauren Farrell.

“In college, we were active in campus ministry, attended retreats and performed service,” Rob says. “Now in our 20s and 30s, our age group tends to be lost in matters of faith, community and social justice. ASJP addresses that gap by offering a faith-based community and a vehicle for active service.”

Clare explains that ASJP members need not self-identify as a Lay Marianists. “By the nature of our charism, we cast a wide net,” she says. “All are invited to our table to grow in spirit and in understanding of the faith-justice connection.”

Beyond talk

The beating heart of the ASJP is “A Walk with Adèle,” a half-day of reflection offered four times a year in cities across the United States. Inspired by excerpts from Adèle’s writings — she was a prolific author — participants create a personal “act” or mantra they use as guidance in their daily lives. They also discuss strategies for deepening their commitment to social
justice. Some get involved with the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, which sponsors social justice initiatives. Others take a more individual approach.

Floyd Contreras, 28, is an attorney in San Antonio. He said the “Walk” rejuvenated his commitment to serving his clients. His firm is inundated with requests for assistance from people representing diverse demographics and needs. “At times, that can be draining,” says Floyd. “Thanks to the ‘Walk,’ I am inspired to keep advocating for others. No matter how busy, I try giving what I can to those who need assistance.”

Over the years, the ASJP’s weekend immersion experiences — held in cities from Washington, D.C., to San Antonio — became a hallmark of the organization. “Immersions are very important because they help us move beyond just talking about issues,” Rob says. They provide concrete opportunities — serving in soup kitchens or assisting at a homeless shelter — to connect with others and the communities in which they live. But the ASJP’s core team is rethinking this immersion model and ways to connect with today’s post-college crowd.

The faith and justice journey continues

The ASJP’s target demographic — young adults — is a busy one. They face myriad demands on their time, and there is certainly no shortage of social issues at play in contemporary culture. With these challenges in mind, the ASJP core team is retooling the ASJP’s immersion experiences to better meet the needs of the participants and the places served.

The ASJP strives to remain active and vibrant while growing and maturing. “The Marianists understand how to be present in a community and do it right — it’s the Marianist way — so we are taking our time in this phase,” says Rob. “We have a good program; we want a really great one.”

Rob, his fellow core team members and the ASJP continue their walk as they plan for the long run. “We are called to be in tune with the signs of the times and how we engage with them,” says Clare. That means “dreaming new dreams and imagining new opportunities.”

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Chinese students Zidian Zhang, Wilson (Weishun Lin), Unico (Zeyu Li), Woody (Di Wu), and Kyle (Jiahao Ye) at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, a Marianist school in Florida, opens its doors to Chinese students to encourage cross-cultural learning.

“TOWARD A BETTER WORLD”

Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, a Marianist school in Florida, opens its doors to Chinese students to encourage cross-cultural learning.

By Carol Dexter
It’s another sunny south Florida morning, and students crowd the open-air breezeways during class exchange at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory.

“Speak English, please,” says Richard Pulido, the school’s senior director of advancement, as he passes a pair of dark-haired boys who are chatting in Mandarin. The boys look sheepish for a second, then switch to English as they head into class.

It’s a gentle reminder, and “about the only thing I ever have to correct them for,” Richard says with a smile.

It’s a scenario that has played out with some frequency over the past two years at this Marianist high school in Hollywood, Fla. It’s not that speaking Mandarin is a bad thing for Chinese teenagers to do, but living as American students is why they’ve ventured so far from home.

For the past two school years, Chaminade-Madonna has welcomed Chinese young people through its international student program. It’s an endeavor that has enriched the world view of everyone involved.

A STEPPING STONE
The program began with a connection between the school and an organization called the Cambridge Institute of International Education, which arranges study abroad experiences. The Institute was actively looking for U.S. high schools to host international students, particularly young people from China.

“Many Chinese families want their child to receive an American university education, and getting their son or daughter into a U.S. high school is a great stepping stone,” says Richard. “Small learning environments — like we have at this school — are rare in China. Parents see it as very desirable.”

The school started the program small, with just five Chinese students during the 2012-2013 year. Four of the five returned last fall, with an additional cohort of 15, bringing the total to 19.

To gain admission, prospective international students must submit a formal application through the Cambridge Institute. Their applications are reviewed by a C-M selection committee comprised of the principal and other academic and guidance personnel. Those who advance from this step are interviewed live via Internet video.

“We look at their academics, language skills and motivations for wanting to attend Chaminade-Madonna,” says Richard. “We want to make sure it’s a good fit with a likelihood of success.”

For the coming school year, C-M has received nearly 50 applications from Chinese students.

ICE BREAKERS — CATHOLIC STYLE
During the school year, the Chinese students live with local host families. These families — some of whom are parents of current C-M students or alumni — go through a rigorous screening process by the school, and they receive training to help them welcome these young people into their homes.

In the Marianist tradition of family spirit, the Chaminade-Madonna community is intentional about opening its doors and hearts to these young people. Before the start of the past school year, the Chinese students and their host families were invited to a gathering at school.

“We had social time, allowing everyone to meet each other — and then we played bingo,” Marianist Father Larry Doersching says. “How much more Catholic can you get!”

As soon as the Chinese students understood the game, they became very competitive, according to Father Larry, who is C-M’s president. “It was just a riot. We had so much fun. A lot of barriers came down that night.”

For the teenagers who trek halfway across the globe and into a completely different culture, adjusting to American ways takes time, but they approach it with an open mind and surprising maturity.

For Woody* (Di Wu), a lanky senior, basketball has been a way of acculturating himself. “At first, because of the language barriers, I didn’t always understand when the coach said how I should move,” he says. But Woody worked hard, caught on and came to love being part of the team. “In China, if you are the best player, you play for yourself. But here, it’s more about teamwork,” he says. “I like the teamwork.”

“It’s easy to make friends here,” says Zidian Zhang, also a senior. “On Facebook or when I’m texting, sometimes I get confused because of cultural differences. It’s better to talk face-to-face, and I’ve learned that if I don’t understand something, I have to ask.”

FAITH AS A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY
Chaminade-Madonna has a diverse student body, with students encompassing a range of cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds. More than half of C-M parents were not born in the United States. About

*Many of the Chinese students have adopted Americanized versions of their names.
one in four is non-Catholic, and enrollment includes Muslim and Jewish students. All must meet the same expectations, which includes earning theology credits and attending school liturgies.

“At first we had some concerns about dealing with young people from an atheist culture,” Father Larry says. “Most have no conceptual framework regarding a deity or an afterlife, which we take for granted in Judeo-Christian or Islamic culture. But we decided it could be nothing but a growth opportunity for everyone,” he says.

When he presides at a school Mass, Father Larry says he sometimes looks out at the Chinese students in the assembly. “I see these young men and women watching intently and trying to understand and sort this out,” he says. There’s no doubt in his mind that both the Chinese students and their American peers have benefited from sharing school life at Chaminade-Madonna.

“This program is a wonderful example of what Marianist education can mean,” says Father Larry. The local students have witnessed young people from a different culture who are willing to leave their comfort zone and take on something totally new. “Our American students have learned that there are different ways — valid ways — of looking at reality,” he says.

“Part of our mission statement at Chaminade-Madonna is ‘toward a better world.’ The better we understand each other, the better we can work together on a global scale,” he says. “In one small but important way, we are helping build that better world.”

Chinese students studying at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory are required, like all C-M students, to attend school liturgies and take classes in religion. Here is what some have to say about their experiences:

Kyle (Jiahao Ye): “I didn’t know anything about what ‘Catholic’ meant. My host family mother’s brother died in a car accident. I saw that her faith was important in helping her move on in her life. I think that’s a good thing.”

Unico (Zeyu Li): “Before class begins, we have prayer. It makes a connection among all the people there. When the American students pray for their friends or family, it’s a very sweet experience. It makes you feel close.”

Woody (Di Wu): “The first time I was in church, I was surprised. What a beautiful place! I try to study this faith so that I can understand it.”

Zidian Zhang: “I’m a Buddhist, which is totally different. At first I was confused. But I like that I feel included. In church when Father talks and the chorus sings church songs, I feel loved by God even though I’m not Christian.”
Fix’n Fences: An Outdoor Path to Spiritual Renewal

Marianist volunteer, Patrick Mossman, shares his secret to living a balanced life.

By John Schroeder

For the first couple of years, Pat Mossman never tallied up the volunteer hours he spent at Tecaboca, the Marianist boys camp and retreat center deep in the heart of Texas Hill Country. When he did start logging the time — to help Executive Director Kay Tally-Foos with a grant application — the number turned out to be “pretty staggering,” he says. “It was often 20 or more hours a week.”

The secret to getting that level of engagement from a guy like Pat is to put a chainsaw or a posthole digger in his hands. “The outdoors feeds my spirit,” he says. “To spend the weekend clearing brush or splitting three cords of wood — it adds balance to my life.”

It helps that Pat has a flexible work schedule as an independent financial adviser. “I spend a lot of time indoors working with my clients. When it comes to volunteer work, I prefer being outdoors,” he says. “It gives me time to pray and reflect.”

Pat’s connection to Tecaboca began in 2009 when he answered an email request seeking volunteers to repair a fence and horse pen. “I thought it would be a one-time thing,” he recalls. But seeing the 63-year-old facility the first time convinced him of two fundamental truths about Tecaboca: “There’s a lot of it,” he says, “and it’s hard to maintain.”

The more time Pat spent around Tecaboca, the more intrigued he became by the programs. “Being around the camp has given me hope that the world may not be going off the deep end after all,” he says. “When you see how the boys are being spiritually fed, you think, ‘wow! That’s really encouraging!’ The Marianist priests and brothers are definitely making an impact, but it’s not only them. The counselors are great, too. They’re all fabulous.”

Not everyone on the staff knows how to set a fence or build a chicken coop — but those skills turn out to be important parts of the ministry. If you want campers to make salsa from tomatoes, jalapenos and onions they picked from the garden that day, an eight-foot fence is needed to keep the Hill Country’s hungry deer at bay. “It takes all of us to make it work,” Pat says.

While Pat has served on the Tecaboca board, and has become a regular contributor to “Cowboy Night” cookouts during the summer sessions, he doesn’t need to be at the center of the programming action to get recharged by the camp. “Ninety percent of the time, I’m out there by myself — doing anything that needs doing,” he says. “There is no schedule, and I enjoy that. Plus, I like seeing things look different after I’m done.”

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Life of the spirit is never static. Times of joy and insight often are followed by fallow periods, where listlessness or confusion can rule. If a spiritual life is cyclical, with unexpected ups and downs, how do you handle the down slope — those moments of dullness, loneliness or spiritual burnout?

ALIVE asked four people in the Marianist Family how they cope with a spiritual crisis. Although their answers varied greatly, all agreed that friends and staying faithful to spiritual practices have helped them through difficult times.
Lauren Olson, chair of the Marianist Social Justice Death Penalty Team and an attorney, Plano, Texas
You would think that moving back to her hometown of Dallas to start law school in 2009 would have been an easy transition, but for Lauren Olson it was one of the toughest times she’s faced. Community is a big part of her faith life. So when it came time to leave St. Louis and a group of Marianist volunteers whom she had lived with for a year while working for an inner-city nonprofit, there was a gaping hole in her life. She calls it a crisis of spirit.

“I’ve never felt so connected to a neighborhood like the one in St. Louis,” says Lauren. Nor had she ever lived in an intentional Marianist Lay community. “I struggled to find that kind of community in Dallas.” Though she recently found a faith community at her local parish, it’s reconnecting with the Marianists through her work with the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative that keeps her spirit buoyed.

What did Lauren learn? “I’d encourage anyone who is experiencing a crisis in their spiritual life to talk about it. I find renewal through interacting with others and how they experience God. It helps me find God’s presence.”

Marianist Brother Phil Aaron, author of a blog called “Moseying through my eighties” (http://paaron1.wordpress.com) and former professor of international studies at the University of Dayton
Although Brother Phil Aaron hasn’t experienced a “dark night of the soul,” he has found times when his faith has grown dim. During those periods, he says, it’s helpful to get a new slant on things. “I look for new ways of pursuing my faith.”

One author who has opened his imagination and heart to something bigger is Catholic theologian Diarmuid O’Murchu. His work is challenging “because it requires me to re-examine my original beliefs.

“Frequently, I talk with Catholics who have become disillusioned. I tell them they need a broader vision. Their faith has become too small. With a bigger vision, there’s an opportunity to see beauty and faith anew.”

One piece of Scripture that Brother Phil returns to for inspiration: “Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). “Change and newness are the essence of life and spiritual meaning.”

Isabella Moyer, former president of the International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities and member of Our Lady of the Round Table Marianist Lay Community, Neepawa, Manitoba
Isabella Moyer readily admits to going through desert periods in her faith life. The most recent one descended on her a year ago. “I hit the wall. I was exhausted,” she says.

What helped her through this trying period was talking openly with others about it and asking important questions: How did my Marianist vocation begin? What did I love about it? “Faith of the heart calls us to an intentional loving and believing, even when the emotions are not present,” she says.

Other things that have helped boost her flagging spirit are her lay community, which meets regularly via the Internet, and their shared practice of Lectio Divina, a spiritual discipline using Scripture for meditation and reflection. “These daily practices have a way of being fruitful over time,” she says. Her community also provides much needed strength. “When I’m uninspired, I lean on the prayers of others to get me through.”

Marianist Father Pat Tonry, spiritual director of the Marianist Mission, Dayton, Ohio
The great Christian spiritual masters refer to a “dark night of the soul,” says Father Pat Tonry. “It is a period of darkness and you just have to go through it,” he says, having experienced periods of spiritual emptiness.

“It helped to keep up my daily spiritual practices — praying and saying the rosary even if I didn’t feel much,” he says. “The important thing is to not give up.”

Father Pat also recommends seeing a spiritual director or a close friend, someone who also has had a similar experience, to help you through this period.

You will make it to the other side, assures Father Pat. “Suddenly you’ll get some peace and will start to feel joy in your prayer life again.”

One Scriptural passage that Father Pat returns to for strength: “You have not chosen me, I have chosen you” (John 15:16). “I have always found great comfort in this verse.”
“Give it a year” became Marianist Brother Norman Capinpin’s mantra. Even when he was uncertain, Brother Norman was determined to “give it a year.” First, he plunged into a year of Marianist volunteer service. Then came a year of living in the Marianist aspirancy community, the first step in becoming a Marianist brother.

“Sometimes I was nervous. But I would pray and think, ‘God hasn’t failed me yet,’” he says.

That once-uncertain path has come full circle for Brother Norman, who graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 2004 and professed first vows as a Marianist in 2012. He has returned to Hawai‘i as a religion teacher and campus minister at Saint Louis School, a Marianist-sponsored school in Honolulu.

“Sometimes I was nervous. But I would pray and think, ‘God hasn’t failed me yet,’” he says.

Life-changing decision
Early in his life, Brother Norman had a plan. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in business management, he worked in the insurance industry. He planned to earn an MBA, go to law school and possibly enter corporate law. Even though he had received acceptance letters, he decided to hold off so he could serve in a Marianist volunteer program for a year.

“I thought it was now or never,” he says of the service work. Still, he worried that his family might think he was crazy for not pursuing his career right away. “But they have always been supportive.”

In 2006, he headed to San Antonio to work in the volunteer program where he mentored youth at various schools and managed after-school programs for underprivileged children at a transitional shelter.

“I had never worked with kids, but this experience planted a seed,” he recalls. “It was an amazing year. The path I found wasn’t one I was expecting, but it felt right.”

A new path
That year of working with youth was more than just rewarding. It was inspiring. “I felt I could do more,” says Brother Norman.

He got that chance in Los Angeles. Through Loyola Marymount University’s PLACE Corps, he spent the next two years teaching in an under-resourced Catholic school, while completing a master’s degree in education.


All the while, he kept in touch with the Marianists. After graduating from Loyola Marymount, he knew it was the best time to begin a year-long discernment as an aspirant with the Society of Mary.
“I wasn’t engaged to anyone. I didn’t have children or a house to worry about. I couldn’t find an excuse not to do it,” says Brother Norman.

He returned to San Antonio to live in the Marianist aspirancy community and teach at Central Catholic High School. Again, he had doubts, but Brother Norman was determined to give it a try.

“I needed to open my heart to God and see if this was for me.” Before that year was up, the next step was clear.

A “new” Norman
Brother Norman spent the next two years with the novitiate community in Dayton and professed first vows before heading back to his hometown of Honolulu.

“When I left in 2006, I never thought I’d come back six years later as a Marianist brother — never,” he says.

Returning to his home turf, while comforting, has challenged Brother Norman, now 32.

“People here knew me as Norman, so what does it mean now that I’m Brother Norman? I’ve needed to figure out how to be a brother here and minister to my family and friends. It’s a challenge, but a good challenge.”

While Brother Norman is enjoying his time back home, he knows that no matter where his journey goes, his faith will guide him.

“When I was making life-changing decisions, prayer was a constant part of it. I trusted God to guide me. Now, as a Marianist, I continue to put my trust in His guidance.”

Debbie Juniewicz is a freelance writer from Dayton, Ohio.

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Many of the world’s religions recommend living in the present moment. Zen Buddhism, especially, is known for its emphasis on “nowness.” Psalm 118:24 eloquently proclaims a similar message: “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Recently, I reflected on my past — even the best times — and wondered if I was ever fully present in any of those moments. How much of my time was filled with busyness? How many times had I been distracted, even when I was with people I love? How many promises had gone unattended?

Even when I did follow up on my commitments, I couldn’t remember exactly how I felt afterwards. But something happened on Mother’s Day that helped me appreciate what it means to live in the present.

In May each year, I run a booth at an event that my company sponsors. This year was tough for many reasons: We were short-staffed, hosting the event at a new location and stuck with many last-minute decisions. My mom volunteered to help. She was up at 5 a.m. and worked with me until the end. I noticed something special about her that day: She did everything with care and great pride. It felt good to be doing this together.

To show her how grateful I felt, I took her shopping on Mother’s Day to buy her a gift. Yet she didn’t let me buy her anything but a $3 blouse. I was frustrated. I pulled out blouses that cost more, but she declined. I was desperate to make her feel like a queen that day. Then my fiancé greeted her with a sweet surprise — a basket of fresh roses.

I called her later that night to thank her again and see how she liked the roses. Her response floored me: She let out a big “thank you for your time,” then she started to cry. I noticed her emphasis on my “time.” It wasn’t the blouse or flowers that mattered. It was time being in each other’s company that she treasured most.

Love begins with awareness

In a famous scene in Matthew 25:31-46, where the Lord judges how the nations were caring for the least of His people, he blesses those who had noticed the outcast and how they treated them with great care, love and respect. It was their service — the time they freely gave — that made them blessed. Those not welcomed in God’s kingdom were people whose piety kept them from noticing the needs of others.

I thought about my mom. She saw I needed help and was willing to sacrifice her time for me. Her simple act of kindness awakened my heart to notice and appreciate her more fully. That day yielded an endearing closeness as mother and daughter that I will remember forever.

It’s important to help others, but bringing awareness — an awakened heart to what you do — makes all the difference. The blessings in return are many: the gifts of feeling whole and living with purpose and, most amazing of all, the gift of living in God’s kingdom on earth.

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Whatever You Do, Do from Your Heart

Brother LeRoy Viera finds his heart’s passion in being a Marianist.

BY VICTORIA TERHEYDEN

Some people’s motto is “work to live.” But Marianist Brother LeRoy Viera would go it one better: “joyfully work to live.” Brother LeRoy, 87, has spent almost his entire adult life in service as a Marianist, and he has always found joy in whatever he does.

Before joining the order, he pumped gas at service stations, picked grapes in the California vineyards and worked odd jobs to support his parents and siblings in the wake of the Great Depression. Later, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, worked for Dow Chemical and learned carpentry under the GI Bill.

It was during a stint building a paper mill in California in the late 1940s that he began to yearn for something more. He decided to look into religious life, and that’s when his destiny came into focus. While heading back from a trip south of San Francisco, Brother LeRoy passed a Marianist novitiate building on a hill near Santa Cruz. On a lark, he decided to pay a visit.

“I remember knocking on the door of that building,” he says, not knowing what to expect. The late Marianist Brother John Perko opened the door literally and figuratively, saying, “Come on in, we have room for everybody.”

The Marianists would take Brother LeRoy to new and unexpected places. “I joined the Coast Guard and saw a lot of water. Then I joined the Marianists and saw the world,” he says.

Brother LeRoy served in maintenance and construction positions at Marianist ministries in California, Hawai’i, Washington, Texas and New Mexico. He also worked briefly as a chauffeur for the Marianist superior general in Rome, learning to navigate the busy streets of the Italian capital.

In 1979, a creative avocation emerged shortly after he sustained a severe eye injury while working on a new building for the Marianists in California. During his convalescence, a nurse encouraged him to explore art therapy. That spurred his interest in ceramics.

Fast forward a few years to his ministry at Chaminade College Preparatory, a Marianist school near Los Angeles, where he found a nearby ceramics studio. It wasn’t long before his creativity bore fruit. Brother LeRoy has handcrafted more than 150 18-inch statues of the Blessed Mother that today grace Marianist residences and schools throughout the country.

Brother LeRoy officially retired in December 2013, but hasn’t stopped working — engaging in what he calls “jerry-rigging things around the house, painting and having fun.” He lives by a simple philosophy. Much like Mary when she accepted her call, “I just do what needs to be done,” he says.

“Every day is a gift,” he adds. “I’ve met many people and held many jobs as a Marianist — and all with the guidance of the Blessed Mother. She’s keeping an eye on me.”

Victoria Terheyden is director of communications for Archbishop Riordan High School, a Marianist-sponsored school in San Francisco.

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Four Brothers Installed into Ministries in Rome

As preparation for ordained ministry in the Society of Mary, four brothers were installed in ministries in May at a ceremony in Rome. The ministerial assignments include: the Ministry of Acolyte, Brothers Bob Jones and Joseprij R.; and the Ministry of Lector, Brothers Mariandu Belevendiran and Sean Downing.

In Rome, Brother Lester Kaehler (vice rector of the seminary), Father Francisco Canseco (seminary rector), Brothers Joseprij R., Bob Jones, Father Manuel Cortés (superior general), Brothers Sean Downing, Mariandu Belevendiran and Father David Fleming (novice director, Ranchi, India)

Spreading the Marianist Family Spirit in Los Angeles

It was a lively, spirit-filled scene when some 38,000 Catholics descended on the Anaheim Convention Center in mid-March for the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. It is the largest event of its type.

The Marianist Family was a significant presence, exhibiting on behalf of the Association of Marianist Universities, the Marianist Mission, the Office of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation; and vocations for the Society of Mary and the Marianist Sisters.

Marianist Family members at the L.A. Congress

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For the complete obituaries of these Marianists, visit marianist.com/obits.

Brother William Fackovec, SM, 88, died April 7, 2014, in Dayton, Ohio. Brother Bill taught in Marianist high schools in Pennsylvania and Ohio before completing a degree in library science. Starting in 1960, Brother Bill found his true calling as a librarian, helping build the Marian Library at the University of Dayton into a renowned resource for religious scholars. He served as librarian, cataloguer and chief research consultant until his retirement from active ministry in 2011. When he began his work, the library’s collection totaled about 15,000 volumes. At the time of his retirement, the collection totaled 90,000 volumes in more than 50 languages.

Brother Harold Lootens, SM, 90, died May 24, 2014, in San Antonio. Brother Harold began his ministry as a Marianist teacher at schools in Texas and Wisconsin before settling into a 40-year stint as an educator at Marianist high schools in St. Louis. Brother Harold taught music, religion, English, Latin and social studies. He earned master’s degrees in theology and guidance counseling and served as a guidance counselor at Marianist schools. His greatest passion, however, was music. Brother Harold moderated chorales and glee clubs, staged musicals and performed regularly for a variety of functions in St. Louis. Over the years, he recorded a number of albums, with proceeds going to Marianists ministries.

Brother Raymond Martin, SM, 76, died April 19, 2014, in Dayton, Ohio. Brother Ray began as a “working brother” in the Society of Mary, but in the mid-1960s changed his focus to academics. Brother Ray earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree from the University of Dayton and was appointed director of Career Placement Services at the university in 1975. He held that position for 18 years before being appointed to various assignments in human resources at UD. Due to poor health, Brother Ray moved to Mercy Siena, a healthcare facility in Dayton, in 2010.

Brother Richard Olsen, SM, 76, died Feb. 22, 2014, in Dayton, Ohio. Brother Dick began his ministry as a teacher in Marianist high schools in Pennsylvania before earning a master’s degree in education in 1965. His ministry took a significant turn in 1966 when he was assigned to teach high school in Nigeria. Because of an ongoing civil war there, he was transferred to Zambia where he taught mechanical drawing at Matero Boy’s Secondary School, a Marianist high school in Lusaka. In 1988, he returned to the United States and became a licensed massage therapist, serving the critically ill — particularly those with HIV and AIDS — in the San Francisco area. Prior to his death, he lived in a Marianist community in Cleveland and tutored students at St. Aloysius Grade School.

Brother Richard Olsen, SM

Father Robert Osborne, SM, 81, died April 27, 2014, in Cupertino, Calif. Father Bob began his ministry teaching English, math and religion at a Marianist high school in Wisconsin. He attended seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, and was ordained in 1966. Shortly after, he was assigned as a chaplain and teacher at St. John Vianney High School and later as teacher, principal and president at Chaminade College Preparatory School, both in St. Louis. In 1981, Father Bob became pastor at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in St. Louis. Starting in 1986, he served in administration for the St. Louis Province for nearly a decade. He returned to high school administration in St. Louis schools in 1995. In 2002, he assumed the presidency of St. John Vianney High School until he retired from full-time ministry in 2006.

Father Robert Osborne, SM

Brother Paul Quinn, SM, 82, died April 23, 2014, in Dayton, Ohio. Brother Paul began his career as an educator teaching in Marianist high schools in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1962, he earned a master’s degree in theology. For the next 23 years, Brother Paul taught religion at schools in Pennsylvania, California, Maryland and New York. He took time away from teaching to work for two years as a youth minister at a parish in New York. In 1987, he returned to Cardinal Gibbons High School in Maryland, his last position as a religion teacher and campus minister. He retired from full-time ministry in 1995.

Brother Paul Quinn, SM

Brother Francis Smith, SM, 69, died Jan. 8, 2014, in Cleveland. Brother Frank enjoyed a variety of assignments as a Marianist, starting as a teacher at Marianist high schools in Kentucky and Ohio. In 1982, his focus shifted to parish ministry where he served in two parishes in Michigan until the early 1990s. Brother Frank loved computers and in his next assignment, he assumed the position of computer lab manager for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and assisted with computer education at Dayton Catholic Elementary School. Before retiring from full-time ministry due to poor health, he served in retreat ministry at a Marianist retreat center in Topsail, N.C.

Brother Francis Smith, SM

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Brad Scribner has a knack for business. Today, he’s using the talent that led to his career success to give back to others through the Marianist Mission and other organizations that have touched his life.

His business acumen appeared early when he turned a part-time position at a truck rental firm into a career path that eventually led to the executive suite at a billion-dollar corporation. In his late 40s, he switched gears and successfully turned around several mid-sized manufacturing firms on behalf of their commercial lenders.

“In 1986, I decided it was time to turn one around for myself,” he recalls. “So I sunk every penny I had into buying a small company — a wholesale specialty hardware distributor. I knew that if I could make it grow, I would prosper. If not, I’d be down the drain.”

Like the biblical steward who invested five talents, Scribner parlayed his calculated risk into a notable success. The company experienced a tenfold increase in annual revenues over a 15-year period.

But things hadn’t always gone so smoothly. Times were tough in Vermont, where Brad grew up as the oldest of five children in a devout Catholic family. “There was usually enough food to keep from going hungry, but we were poor,” he says.

He left small town life behind and joined the Marines after high school, then moved to San Francisco following his tour of duty. There he found the first of many doors opening in his career.

Time for giving back

When the timing was right, Brad sold his distributorship so that he and his wife could focus on philanthropic endeavors. Community colleges are one of their passions. So are abused and underprivileged children, particularly in and around Naples, Fla., where the Scribners spend each winter.

For more than 20 years, Scribner also has relied on the Marianist Mission as part of his efforts to give back. “I have a wide network of friends,” he says. “When I hear of something affecting their lives, whether it’s cancer or the death of a loved one, I try to reach out to them.”

Scribner does so by enrolling friends in the Marianist Spiritual Alliance — a card and prayer ministry that touches peoples’ hearts in a profound way, especially knowing the Marianists are praying on their behalf. The Marianist Mission staff handles the details for him flawlessly. “I’ve never visited them in Dayton, but they all know me when I call,” he says.

Thanks, also, to a recent donor event in Naples, Scribner is looking forward to deepening his connection with the Marianists. “Now I know about what they’re doing in Africa to educate children who have nothing,” he says. “It’s amazing.” (See story on page 4 about a Marianist school in the slums of Nairobi.)

John Schroeder is a freelance writer from St. Louis.

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“We are all missionaries.”
July 2014

Dear Friends of the Society of Mary,

Many years ago, while serving in Eastern Africa and managing a large primary school in the Nairobi slums, I received a letter from a young boy who had just made his First Communion. Along with his letter, he sent $20 — gift money from his party. He said he was going to send $10 but figured that was not enough to help poor people. What a generous heart! What I found impressive was the connection he made between the Eucharist, which he had just received for the first time, and the call of Christ to be thankful and generous.

We are sharing with you our annual report, reflecting the gratitude and generosity of so many people who partner with us in ministry. What this young man sensed in a simple way, you have expressed in the full flowering of Christian life. For this we are deeply grateful.

Whether your generosity supports our ministries with the very poor in India and Africa, the promotion of the Marianist educational philosophy in our network of sponsored schools and universities, or our care for elder Marianists, we value your gifts. We thank you for partnering with us to live and share the Marianist charism, our alliance with Mary, the Mother of the Lord.

We pray for you daily.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Martin A. Solma, SM
Provincial

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COVER: Boys from the Marianist after-school program at the Gyan Deep community and training center in Ranchi, India. These boys come to the Marianist community because it is a safe place where they can study and receive a free meal.
Marianist Ministries

Partnering with the Poor
In India and Eastern Africa, Marianists are deeply committed to empowering the poorest of the poor, especially women and children. They provide education, job training and micro-lending programs for women, as well as childcare, nutritional assistance, tutoring and education for preschool and school-age children.

Care for senior brothers
Marianists provide assistance to those transitioning from full-time ministry. Quality medical care and living assistance are provided for elderly brothers and priests who have devoted their lives to serving others.

Marianist education
Marianists seek to teach the whole person, developing students’ intellectual, physical, psychological, moral, spiritual and social qualities. The Marianists sponsor 18 secondary/middle schools in the United States, plus Ireland, educating almost 13,000 students; and universities in Honolulu, Dayton and San Antonio that educate almost 15,000 students.

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The Marianists very much appreciate prayers from their friends and benefactors. Please continue to pray for the brothers and priests, and their efforts in ministries throughout the world.

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**The Marianists as a Beneficiary.** Life insurance, retirement or bank accounts

**Gifts of Securities.** Securities, stocks, bonds and government issues

**Charitable Bequests.** A gift of any amount or form by a donor’s will or trust

**Charitable Lead Trust.** The income interest paid to the Marianists “leads” or precedes the “remainder” interest paid to the beneficiaries.

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**The 200 Club.** Help pay the cost of educating young men who wish to become priests.

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**Sponsor a Student.** Support struggling children in Africa and India by sponsoring a student in a Marianist-sponsored school for $125 a year: In Africa, in one of Nairobi’s (Kenya) worst slums, 2,000 students are served at Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School. Your sponsorship covers the cost of education and a daily hot meal (visit marianist.com/oln). In rural India, Morning Star School in Singhpur Village offers hope to more than 1,500 students. Your sponsorship covers the cost of uniforms, books and tuition (visit marianist.com/morningstar).
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