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Jerry Barnes (Deceased)

June 9, 1941 – December 13, 2010



BARNES Gerald G. "Jerry" beloved husband of Jenny A. Barnes (nee Berte) devoted father of Jenna R. Barnes, dear brother of Tom (Diane) and Mike (Karen) Barnes, loving uncle of Michelle (Tony) Bicknell and Brian Barnes. Dec. 13, 2010. Age 69 years. Residence Mt. Carmel. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas More Church Withamsville, on Sat. Dec. 18, at 10:30 AM.

Left SM: 1967

Met the love of his life, Jenny Berte, in 1966, and they married in 1968.

Their daughter Jenna came into their lives in 1975.

Employment: Worked as a chef in a restaurant for several years before joining The Prudential Life Insurance Company as an agent. Took medical retirement in 2000.

Hobbies, interests: cooking; daily shopper at Meijer's and redeemed coupons to the point that Meijers owed him money at checkout; daily coffee with the boys at McDonalds; avid sports fan; confirmed TV addict; ticket taker for Moeller Varsity Football games; loved dogs.

Earned a Special Award from Moeller for his extraordinary generosity.

Personal traits: attractive, outgoing personality; devoted to his family; super generous, always anxious to help others; loved going out to dinner especially with his twin brother Tom and his wife Diane; he was a devoted Catholic, and enjoyed ushering at his Church every weekend; idolized his daughter Jenna; looked forward to Saturday night visits, at his home, with Bob Flaherty.

Jerry was a Moeller High School sports super fan, especially football. He loved attending the games and cheering for the team while enjoying the privilege of watching games from the sidelines. He thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the student athletes as well as the coaches and they in turn loved him. He supported the team, and Moeller High School, physically as well as financially (and he always had a supply of sweets for the coaches and players.)

Jerry was a genuine confidant to so many friends and neighbors and he was loved by all.

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Greetings to my fellow Marianist brothers. I am Larry Boesch, a '59 grad of Chaminade HS, Dayton, OH, and SM vow class '60, who is in decent health, thank God.

While in the SM I met many wonderful men, earned two undergraduate degrees at UD, a BS in physics and BSEd to teach math and science in grades 7 - 12 and spent the summer of 1965 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC pursuing a Masters program in physics. I left the SM in June 1966.

August 1964-January 1966. I was assigned to Bishop Moeller HS in Cincinnati to teach physics, plus moderate a sodality group, the radio club and a senior homeroom. I enjoyed the community. Jan 1965-June 1966. My January transfer to St. Joseph HS in Cleveland was to replace Larry Stimack who was sent to Africa to be a bush pilot for the missions. I took over his physics classes, radio club and aviation club. I moderated a sodality group and a senior homeroom. I did get a free flying lessons and pilot's license at the airport we used. I could then take students up but not as an instructor. I had one student who earned his pilot license on his 15th birthday and commercial license on his 16th. After college he entered the USAF. He then became an United Airlines pilot. Others also earned pilot licenses. St. Joe's provided me a wonderful experience and time to discern whether to stay in the SM or not.

In June 1966 I left the SM and went back to CUA in Washington, DC, for the summer, switched my major, received a 1-year NDEA grant, and became an assistant manager (Aug 1966) at the Anchor House, an Archdiocese of Washington, DC half-way home for 20 formerly hospitalized mental patients (for me, free room and board but no pay). I contracted mono (Sept 1966) (bummer), earned a MSE degree in Mechanical Engineering (Feb 1968) and continued on with a 3-year NSF grant and then scholarships to earn a PhD in Materials Science Engineering (April 1975). I was also elected to the graduate school student council three times and was appointed social chairman each term. I went to a part-time student status after my doctoral comps (Nov 1972) to work full time because my wife was pregnant with my 4th child, Matthew (16 June 1973). Our 5th child, a daughter, Mary Catherine (6 Dec. 1975) arrived 8 months after I earned my PhD. We became home owners in Silver Spring, MD (just north of DC) during Oct 1973 to accommodate a growing family.

Going back to September 1966, I met a wonderful Catholic nurse, Mary Ursula Wanner from Millburn, NJ. "Urs the Nurse", was the roommate in DC of my department's secretary. Urs and I became good friends, then engaged 26 April 1967 and married 26 August 1967 at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, NJ. We moved into a very modest but nice one-bedroom apartment in Mt Rainier, MD, two miles from Providence Hospital in DC and 2 miles from CUA. Our 1st child, Jennifer, arrived 20 Aug 1968, our 2nd, Julie, on 9 Aug 1969 and our 3rd, David on 25 Aug 1970. Our Matt and Kate were mentioned above. I have 8 grandchildren, ages 10 thru 22.

During my first job in an environmental and mechanical engineering company (PRI) I worked at Ft. Belvoir in Alexandria, VA for 7 months (66 miles RT) working on landmine detection (a big problem in Vietnam). The gasoline and natural gas crises hit in 1973 so I was moved to the main office (only 40 miles RT) but on importing liquid natural gas (LNG) on a Federal Power Commission contract that led to my becoming an "expert witness" for the FPC in court hearings. Then while completing my PhD dissertation and defending it, I was working on nuclear contracts. During 1976 my division was sold to SDC. I next worked on wind power for 5 months, then on conversion of coal to natural gas on an ERDA contract (lots of travel to US sites working on this topic), The 2nd gasoline crisis hit (remember 1979?) and I was detailed to Chicago (Jan 1979 during the worst ever snow winter there, over 92 inches of record snow in January alone) for 6 months to engineer a very intense major coal to natural gas conversion plant design for DOE,

. Meanwhile I was buying a second home in Potomac, MD, and selling the 1st house. In September 1982 I was transferred to Oak Ridge, TN (a delightful city with an average MS+ education level of all adults) near Knoxville. My work was on a major classified nuclear project. A year later I switched companies to work on nuclear contracts in the Washington area and live back with my family full-time. For a year and a half (1987-8) I again worked away from home but the company paid my airfare every other weekend for flights home. I lived in Orchard Park, NY (southern suburb of Buffalo) and commuted 20 miles to West Valley, NY to take a major roll in decommissioning a nuclear fuel processing facility. I lead a team to provide permanent, safe storage of high level nuclear waste from 10,000 years to a billion years. The waste was liquid but it was mixed with materials to make molten glass that was poured into a container (10 ft tall, 2 ft diameter, 2 in thick stainless) that will safely last a billion years, well beyond the time for the radioactive material to decay to a safe level. After my work in NY was completed, I then worked in DC for 6 years on the large Yucca Mountain DOE team.

The containers were supposed to go into the Yucca Mountain, NV repository during mid-1990's. Pres. Clinton, as a favor to a certain Nevada Senator and former NV governor, blocked that noble, well designed project just as the first waste from West Valley was to be shipped and buried in NV. I know what I am stating regarding this subject.

During 2000 thru 2016, when I retired at the young age of 75 1/2, I was the sole operator of the National Weather Service's Barometry Standards Laboratory at the NWS headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. I serviced the 160 NWS weather offices in the USA, 10 Caribbean islands, and US assisted Pacific islands that extend far into the western Pacific. I calibrated and maintained the top-level, highly sophisticated electronic barometers, as well as served on the World Meteorological Organization review team that set meteorological standards, as needed, especially as instruments improve.

In my Silver Spring, Oak Ridge, Orchard Park and Potomac parishes I have been very active, especially teaching CCD classes and in RCIA programs, participating in bible study classes. Further, at St Raphael Parish near my home I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1989, served the Grand Knight (1997-8), have worked and lead many worthy Kof C projects within the parish, in the community, with youth, the poor and other groups of people. Since 1990 I have been very active in the parish to parish Twinning Committee which works with St. Martin Parish, an inner city DC parish, providing money, food, clothes, spiritual support, picnics, choir exchanges, etc. With St. M we have participated in annual retreats, their planned cruises, and so on. We also have monthly food drives. I have been a leader since 2012 in the That Man Is You program at St. R. It is a men's spiritual program (it is National). Ours meet every Saturday from 6 am till 7:45 am. About 150 men participate. We sit at 15 round tables for the discussion time. My table 8 group of 11 men continues monthly with breakfasts during Summer months at a local restaurant.

Oh, Ursula and I are members of a lay Marianist group, designated as the "MetroMarianist" in the DC region and affiliated with the Eastern Region Marianists. We have also been very active in the St. Vincent dePaul, St. Raphael (parish) Conference in Rockville, MD since 2006, but even more so since 2018 when Ursula was elected the Conference president. Our SVdP members work on about 100 cases annually..

Ursula and I are not home-bodies. We have traveled to 28 countries. We hit our 50th state when we cruised to Alaska during 2010. We have been on 2 European river cruises and 9 ocean cruises. Our favorite foreign destination is Aruba where we have vacationed 26 times.

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Joe Clark



I was in the SM for 33 years (1960-1993). I taught at Moeller (6 years) and Cleveland St. Joe's (14 years). I taught math and physics. I also worked those years as the Speech and Debate Team coach. I retain relationships from those years as a coach, in addition to being in the HOF for Ohio coaches. I clearly remember the day when my national ranking overtook that of one Brother James Michael Darby. LOL

I had a good run in the SM, but it became obvious in the early nineties that that phase of my life was ending. It was not exactly like a road to Damascus event; it was a little more gradual than that. Ironically {since they both just died within the last two days before this writing) our three-person community at Campus South had Larry Cada and Norb Burns as the other members. They helped me work it all through. If you want, God was calling me to something else, other than the SM. I just knew in my soul, it was over. So, I left in 1993.

On December 31, 1993 I married Mary Dwyer, a woman I had met five years earlier at the Sangre de Christo sabbatical in Santa Fe NM. We had kept in touch. One night, while attending grad school, she called me and asked for help with her "sadistics." Huh? Well in the end, I worked with her on her statistics and also her thesis. Well, the rest is history.

My first job after the SM worked for a software development firm. After a year, it went bankrupt. Then I worked for a factory in Michigan as a database manager and network administrator. We painted car parts (three million per week). I retired from that in 2007. It was a great job – very creative and I worked with really good people. After retirement, Mary suggested that I was living in my head too much!!! So, for the next 13 years, I taught a couple of math classes at the local community college. That kept me in touch with reality. I had to quit this past fall (2019) due to health issues.

In 1986, through an inner-city tutoring project, I became involved with a group of women at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. All these women all have life sentences. Appropriately the group is called the LIFE Group (Looking Inward For Excellence). For the last 34 years I (and now Mary) have made the monthly trek to ORW to attend LIFE Group meetings. We consider many of the 100 women in the group to be close, personal friends. Now, with social distancing, our contact is limited to letter writing. We do a lot of that, but would rather visit in person.

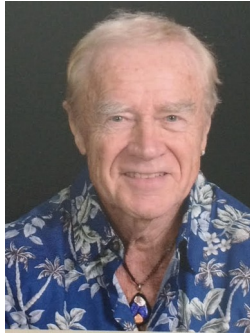
P.s.: Mary read this and noted that I must mention the St. Malachi Education Project. She's right. For several years, I organized and ran the tutoring project for kids lived in the inner-city projects. We paid kids tuition to Catholic high schools provided they kept up grades and attended weekly tutoring sessions. Much of the program was later instituted at St. Al's in Cleveland. That program was based on what we learned at St. Malachi's.

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After graduating from Chaminade 1959, I went to Marcy and dug snow to get through the tunnels. Father Fred Matthews helped out and Bro. Howard Hughes taught us how to sing and chant. At the scholasticate we helped clean up the place and soon got rooms in the new building. I did have a chance to be sacristan and one time had to go down inside the sacristy to the basement to wake Fr Darby up. Travel to UD was a chance to nap.

I got my BS in math and worked in the kitchen. They sent me to Chaminade Mineola, where I had graduated from. I did not last long and was shipped off to Chester. My father was sick with cancer and I did see him, but he went quickly. I became the Math Chair at St James HS. I had the bike club and the ski club and had a lot of fun with the students. Life in Chester was great. I had a chance to be sacristan and also made a lot of wine. Did some great art work on the walls of the dining room. After a few years, I got more impatient with students. They took me out of the class room. I then had a chance to get my Masters in math at Notre Dame with a grant and had a wonderful year.

Drove to California and met some S.M.'s in San Francisco and LA. I studied art and taught summer school in Maui, then came back to Chester. I got into Temples art program and worked for a Masters in Art Ed. Finally, I was sent to CT to live with Tom Doyle, Ted Cassidy and Bob Moriarity. I tried teaching, but had no patience with the students. They said, ' why not go off on your own and see what happens'. I had to leave my pup behind, who I had rescued and finally signed a letter from the Pope, releasing me from my vows in 1986. I was lucky to get a job with the Navy on the Newport Navy Base in RI, as a mathematician , but later, was changed over to a Computer Scientist. I had to travel on subs and check the torpedoes under water with the sailors. It was quite a life. I even volunteered to help cook.

Finally, met my wife , Joanne, a neighbor of my sister on Long Island. We met through our dogs and went on several dog dates. We married on Oct 1, 1994 and lived in RI. We later moved to Florida in 2006. I volunteered for Hospice and have continued to be active in the church with cantoring and bringing communion to the sick. We now have our 3rd home and our last 3 pups, after 8 other pups have gone over the rainbow bridge. We are dog tired . I still cantor at the 4pm mass every Saturday. I also was able to help with visiting the sick for Habitat for Humanity . And finally I was able to do three musical shows and four stage shows before I started to forget my lines. I'm still involved with doing art and going to the gym 5 times a week.

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Tom Corrigan



I am going to list things for which I am thankful:

- had scripture classes with Gene Laverdier and Carroll Stumiller...wow. How wonderful to have the Word come alive with great teachers.
- spent a year in Saint Louis adding spiritual direction to my quiver...ended with 30 day retreat in Manresa Spain in the cave of Ignatius.
- worked with four people in Ireland for two years getting them ready for the Novitiate.
- experienced the trauma of one of my brothers sexually abusing students we both worked with.
- feeling betrayed and discouraged I wobbled out of religious life.
- married a woman who I thought needed rescuing....she didn't, so we divorced after 2.5 years.
- Joyfully married a wonderful woman 24 years ago and continue living our lives together. We didn't have kids so I went straight to 7 grandchildren (20-5)
- worked as a professional counselor for the past 26 years working with adolescents, kids in the juvenile justice system, alcoholics and addicts, and loving every moment of it.
- retired at 71 years of age and have been enjoying it.
- on our parish liturgy commission, but it is like pulling teeth to get them to move in any direction.
- together Laura and I are watching over two of our grandkids 5 and 8 because of the virus and the uncertainty of the school situation. We are also involved with our parish choir.
- each year we are part of 150 voice choir that sings the entire Messiah. We have been doing this for 9 years and are grieving the cancelling of the event due to the virus.
- I get together with Joe Clark and Mike Reiling (commonbond) weekly and discuss some books on a lot of different topics (racism, big bang, AI, Sociological trends). We also solve most of the major political and cultural concerns of our nation and our world. All this without a muffin.
- Joe, Mike and i have been doing this for a few years so about three years ago we began to be more inclusive and invited more Cleveland guys to our group. Until the virus we were meeting every other month for lunch, field trips to Brothers House at St. Joes, which is now a hospice. We have had picnics and some input sessions over the time. We have between 6 and 12 guys show up.
- I started delivering meals on wheels when I retired and this has been a great blessing for me. I also work one morning at our parish food bank. Being blessed as an extrovert I have the folks that come to us smiling, laughing, and interacting with each other as they wait in line to be served.
- The bicycle is the vehicle that keeps me flexible. During the summer I try to ride about three times a week. The days of moving fast have long passed. Laura and I share this together. 18 years ago we bought a tandem bike and have ridden it almost exclusively.

-winter has become a tough season for me. For 20 years I was an avid downhill skier and looked forward to the snowflakes falling. Having two knee replacements has dampened that experience. This winter I am going to have to go to the YMCA and get in the habit of working out for about 30 minutes three times a week.

God has blessed me with a wonderful wife, a life with meaning, friends and family who support and love me, the ability to still sing my heart out, good health so far, a peaceful heart, and the ability to be present in the moment without a lot of my own agenda. Thank you Lord.

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Jim DeSantis

6/63 I left from St James H S, Chester, PA

_9/63 I enlisted in the Army as a clinical psychologist specialist, Walson Army Hospital, Fort Dix, NJ

_3/64 completed active duty-began dating, Caroline, sister of fellow Chaminade Mineola graduate, John Magas. Employed by NYC Department of Social Services, working with alcoholics on the Bowery, Manhattan

_9/65 Commenced full time two year graduate studies in clinical social work, City University of NY, Hunter

_7/66 Caroline and I married

_6/67 Graduated from Hunter and began employment with NY State Youth Parole, Harlem, NYC

_5/68 First daughter, Susan, arrived

_6/70 Moved to our current home, Hauppauge Long Island, NY and began employment with NY State Department of Mental Health, as a Clinical Social Work Supervisor, Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Hospital and a Therapist at Huntington Mental Health Clinic

Shortly thereafter, began a private practice as a psychotherapist, eventually working full time and presently part time.

I studied part time, for many years, at the Post Graduate Center for Modern Psychoanalytical Studies, Manhattan

_1972 Co-founded a home for male adolescent court adjudicated youth and in late 1970 's became very involved in the Charismatic renewal and professionally with the International Association of Christian Therapists, (an interdenominational community of lay people, clergy, MD's psychologists, nurses, etc.), eventually serving as a regional coordinator and on the board of directors. In the meantime, we were blessed with two more children, Donna and James. All three are married and remained in Hauppauge, gifting us with seven grandchildren. Three are in our local public schools, three are at Providence College, and one at Notre Dame. We have been involved in our present parish community for the past fifty plus years, while very open and involved with persons of other faiths and belief systems.

Thank you for perusing the above, and I am anxious to learn what you have been and are doing Affectionately, Jim/Jack

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Ed Escudero



Under my name in the search function on the Common Bond site there is a detailed biography that takes up more than one page. Let me summarize what has happened since I left SM.

My tenure in SM took place at Msgr. Nolan High School (1964-1971), St. Louis U (1971-1972), Chaminade College Prep. (1972-1975), Marianist Seminary, Toronto, Canada (1975-1977). I left SM after my second year in the seminary in Toronto. I remained in Canada and completed my MDiv degree. My original plans were to remain in Canada, but a job offer from St. John's School in Houston changed those plans. I remained at St. John's, teaching Latin, Earth Science, Chemistry, and AP Chemistry for nine years (1978-1987).

In 1983, I reconnected with May Ann O'Donnell whom I had met at St. Louis U in 1971. We were married in 1984. Mary Ann had graduated from Summit Country Day School in Cincinnati. I received a job offer from Summit in 1987 and even though the situation at St. John's was a dream situation, neither one of us had family in Houston. I spent the next 29 years at Summit Country Day moving from St. Louis Province territory back to Cincinnati Province territory. At Summit, I taught Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and Materials Science. I retired from "active" teaching in June 2016 after 51 years in education.

I continue to teach Material Science in the summer to teachers at universities around the country under the auspices of the ASM Foundation. One of the summers brought me back to St. Mary's U. I taught the Materials class in the same room in which I took freshman chemistry back in 1959. I made many visits to the SM cemetery at the rear of the Chemistry building.

During my teaching career I was very active and served on a variety of committees in the American Chemical Society. One of the highlights was receiving the James Bryant Conant Award for High School Chemistry teaching in 1987. The award is the high school equivalent of Noble Prize in teaching.

Our son Jamie was born in Houston in 1986 and our daughters Mia and Marisa in Cincinnati in 1988 and 1990 respectively. All three graduated from Summit. Jamie went on to graduate from Xavier U and both daughters from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

My wife and I now have two grandsons, Oliver who is three and Charlie who is one and a half. Oliver is now in the Montessori program at Summit and represents the fifth generation to attend Summit. I continue to sub at Summit as well as volunteer in the Montessori.

We have been members of Bellarmine Parish on the campus of Xavier U for the past 30 years. I continue with my science outreach, parish activities, and now serving as a member of the board of Common Bond.

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Bro. Ray Fitz, SM

I am entering my 52nd year as a faculty member at the University of Dayton. I started as an Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering; became President in 1979 and stepped down in 2002. I have continued to teach in the College of Arts and Sciences in the area of Social Justice.

Yesterday, August 22, I celebrated 60 years – of course all celebrations have been virtual. I have been blessed by participating in several very supportive Marianist religious communities in Dayton.

For me one of the great blessings for the Church has been the election of Pope Francis. His concerns for an encounter with Jesus, becoming missionary disciples, and becoming a poor Church for the poor have been my focus of these last years. I have been fortunate to participate and lead several efforts in our greater Dayton community to create greater opportunity for children and families in our low opportunity neighborhoods. I has given me a great deal of joy.

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January 1964 - 1967 assigned to Archbishop Moeller High School to teach Religion and US History

Summer of 1964 graduated from UD - BA Political Science and Theology

1967 - assigned to Chaminade College School, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - taught Religion and British and Canadian History

1968 - assigned to Chaminade HS, Dayton, Ohio - taught World Cultures & US Government

1969 - 1972 assigned to Moeller HS - taught Problems of Democracy and part time Counselor

1974 - graduated from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Master's degree in Counseling

1974 - appointed Chair of Department of Guidance and Counseling at Moeller full time. Held this position until 2015.

1975 -1979 active member of the Sycamore Montgomery Life Squad

Summers from 1986 to 2009 - St Laurence O'Toole College School, Dublin, Ireland - Taught English as a Second Language to students from SM Schools in Spain

2015 - Sabbatical - Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas

2015 to the present - Archbishop Moeller HS, - Part time -Campus Ministry Dept; Pastoral Counselor; Co-Moderator of Grief Group

Other responsibilities: Director of the Community for many years and still serving in that capacity!! Chair of the Mission Integration Team; Chair of Social Studies Dept as well as Counseling Dept; Supervisor of Grounds; Moderator of the Student Government; Moderator of the Nation Honor Society; Chaplain for football, lacrosse and wrestling teams; Moderator of the Vocations Club, Cheerleaders, Bowling team, Alumni and Dad's Club.

I was an avid runner for many years but as my legs begged for relief I switched to biking. I ride the street bike when the weather cooperates otherwise I ride a recumbent bike indoors.

These are some of the highlights of my years serving the people of God as a Marianist. What a marvelous, exciting and fulfilling journey it has been and it all began living, working,

studying and praying with all of you at Marcy, NY.

I am humbled and grateful to be numbered among you. Through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, may we continue the journey for years to come.

God Bless and KEEP SMILING!!

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Present (9/1/2020):

- Live with wife of 36 years, Lana Castle. Editor and published author--5 books. We are sheltering in place from the pandemic.
- Retired in 2010 from 20 years as Manager of Organization Development (Internal Consulting) for the City of Austin, Texas.
- Walk 2-4 miles or exercise every day for health.
- As adjunct faculty, teach a graduate class on leading organizational change at St. Edward's University.
- Work with precinct team to get out vote for November 3, 2020 election.
- Son owns and operates two businesses. 1.--Martial Arts School (He is a Grandmaster in kung fu). 2.--Coffee shop and music venue. Both businesses struggling in pandemic.
- Daughter works in Hollywood--standup comic, actress, writer, director, photographer. Struggling financially from Hollywood pandemic shutdown.

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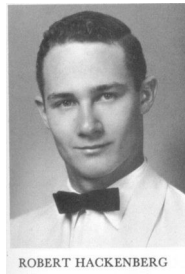
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ROBERT HACKENBERG



In 1964 after graduation from UD and four years at Mt. St. John, I was assigned to teach at Cathedral Latin School in Cleveland. I taught Spanish and French there for two years and then was assigned to teach Spanish at Purcell High School.

In June of 1967 I left the SM. During the summer I taught remedial Spanish, French, and Latin at Chaminade Dayton (hired by my old football coach, Ed Regan, who was serving as summer school principal). That summer I also presented myself to my draft board to get a change of status on my draft card. I fully assumed that I would be immediately drafted because the Vietnam War was going strong. The guy took one look at my card and told me to go away. I was 26 years old and had a classification of 4D (Divinity student). Whew!

In September of 1967 I started an MA in TOEFL/Linguistics at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. While at SIU, I met my future wife, Olga Berggruen. She graduated in June of 1968 with a BA in German Literature and I finished my degree in August of that summer. We married in September and then were off to a lifetime of a gypsy-like existence.

Arecibo, Puerto Rico. 1968-1969. We worked at the Peace Corps Training Center in a rain forest in the mountains above Arecibo. I served as assistant linguist with the job of building a language laboratory and with training the Latin American staff to teach Spanish to the trainees. Olga worked in the business off helping with the books and with setting up travel for the staff and trainees.

Georgetown University, 1969-1972. Worked on a doctorate in Applied Linguistics. The tuition and some subsistence pay was provided by two different grants. I always taught two courses of ESL. All work was completed by September 1972 and the degree was awarded in absentia the following semester. Our oldest son, Dave, was born in December, 1970.

Fulbright-Hays Senior Lecturer, Managua, Nicaragua, 1972-1974. Taught linguistics to English majors who were intending to teach English at the high school level. We went through the really bad earthquake on December 27, 1972. My wife was evacuated by the Embassy because she was 7 months

pregnant with our twins. Brian and Dan were born on February 27, 1973, in Portage, Wisconsin, and Olga brought them back to Nicaragua by herself when they were 6 weeks old.

Vanderbilt University, 1974-1976, Assistant Professor, Spanish Linguistics.

Texas A&M University-Commerce, TX, 1976-1983. Associate Professor with tenure. Taught linguistics after completing an MS in Computer Science, taught computer science courses. For four years during that period I served half-time as Foreign Student Adviser with 200 foreign students. In August of 1976, our daughter, Valerie, was born. (We now have 9 grandchildren from the four children.)

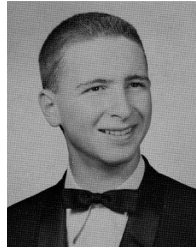
Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Labs, Cherry Hill, NJ, 1973-2003. Served as senior software engineer in the Artificial Intelligence Lab. The contribution I am most proud of is serving as program manager and developer of company-internal website called WebSat. This website allowed Lockheed Martin payload test engineers for commercial communication satellites to see the results of their tests within seconds of the test being run. Before WebSat, they would have to take a printout of the data and enter the complex numbers into a spreadsheet. It would typically take them days to do this and create plots. This was routinely done for the over 5000 tests that were run on the satellite before it is launched. This software saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in time and travel for each satellite.

Retirement, 2003-present. I retired from Lockheed Martin and we moved to Noblesville, Indiana, to be near our oldest son and their three children. They later built a house on a 10 acre farm. Around the same time we bought a 10 acre lot near them but never intended to move there. The old farmhouse was built in 1880 and our son, daughter-in-law, and I put in new flooring and insulated the house. I also paid to have new wiring and an all-electric HVAC system installed. They lived in the farmhouse while their house was being built and then I started renting it out. The farm has two barns and a 2 acre fenced-in pasture. I rent out six acres to a farmer who grows corn and soy beans. At one point we raised meat goats and then dairy goats. At one point I was milking two goats and getting 1.5 gallons of milk a day. Also during most of that period we kept 30 free-range chickens. I can say that I started 'farming' at age 70. We no longer have animals but do have a very large garden that is producing like crazy.

We currently live in Britton Falls, a Del Webb community in Fishers, Indiana. This is a 65 and older community where they do our lawns and shovel snow. I started a technology club that is very popular. I frequently am asked to help people with their computers or to switch them from cable to antenna TV. We are also members of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Back in 2004 I volunteered to build their website (<http://indyhike.org>). I maintain that site and continue to add new utilities that permit hike leaders to record miles and the hike planners to generate new 2-month schedules. I would also like to mention that our only two vehicles are all-electric (Chevy Bolt and Tesla Model 3). We will never go back to a gasoline car.

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Richard Hartz, S.M.



Although some might consider my life over the past 60 years to have been rather monotonous since I have spent the last 56 years here at Chaminade High School in Mineola, it has been just the opposite. Likewise, considering the fact that I am an alumnus of Chaminade, I have spent the majority of my life in this institution. But I can most honestly say that it has been a great grace and an absolutely wonderful experience. Although those years have been spent technically in one community, in reality, I have wound up spending that time in a whole series of different communities, all in the same one house. During my first year here there were some 35 of us in the community, but today I am the only one still here from that initial group.

I taught German, levels 1-5, here at CHS for the past 56 years (also religion once and Latin six times) and just retired from the classroom this year. But my activities were far from limited to the classroom. I was involved with a number of school activities including a few years with the yearbook, speech and debate, divisional moderator, nineteen years in charge of photography for the school, and literally decades as editor and designer of the ***Chaminade News***. But without a doubt my largest involvement has been with our Alumni Association and that lasted for forty years, for the first ten as an assistant moderator, and for the remaining thirty as Director; from 1988-2018 we increased the number of annual events from a mere handful to over forty, including those in nine chapters around the country.. Also, from 1994 to 2018 I served as Director of Development and during that time we increased the size of the Chaminade Development Fund from just short of \$5 million to \$50,000,000.

During those years I also had a number of opportunities to spend time in Germany and Austria, twice studying there, eight times leading student groups, and during the summer of 1981 as an assistant at the General Chapter. In all, I have spent a combined total of a full year over there and I enjoyed every minute of it.

One of the most fulfilling experiences that I have had has been the opportunity to make literally thousands of friends both from the many students whom I have taught as well as the many others whom I have come to know through the Alumni Association. I am, at this point in my life, most grateful to Jesus Christ and to Our Lady for the marvelous gift of my Marianist vocation and for all of the experiences with which I have been gifted as a result of my vocation.

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Rick Ihlendorf



It's been an interesting 60 years! I was assigned to Chaminade High School, Dayton, in January of 1964 to teach Latin and 2 religion classes. Brother John Gilfether (remember him?) was being sent to the African missions and I took his place. Five and a half years later I withdrew from the SM and returned to my home in Cincinnati.

Within several weeks I was hired to teach Latin in the Cincinnati Public Schools. My assignment took me to Walnut Hills Jr.-Sr High School. Walnut Hills is the college prep school for the district and is quite well known throughout the state for its solid curriculum. The school population varies but it generally accommodates 2000-2500 students. Latin is a required subject in grades 7-9; many students continue to a fourth year as well. The school has a separate Latin department which consists of 12-13 teachers; obviously a rarity these days. I was fortunately asked to teach the advanced placement classes which I certainly was happy to do.

Walnut Hills also was significant to me because my future wife, Carol, came to Walnut Hills in 1969 as a beginning Latin teacher; our relationship began at the time. In 1971 we both received Fulbright Scholarships to attend the American Academy in Rome. We had applied not knowing that the other had also. It was surprising that both of us received the award. We of course traveled together both to Rome and the return trip to Cincinnati. The Rome experience was, as one would expect very rich for its educational value-- and for our continuing relationship.

It took me two more years, however, to pop the question. We were married in June of 1973. For a time we both continued to teach Latin at Walnut. Carol resigned in January of 1975 when she became pregnant with our first child. Susan was born in March. She remained a stay-at-home Mom as two more children followed in 1977 (Jeff) and Cathy (1980). Carol did eventually return to teaching at a nearby public school in the mid-eighties. Over a period of several years I completed an M.A. in Latin literature at The Ohio State University and a M.Ed from Xavier U. My teaching career at Walnut Hills came to an end in 1993 after 24 years at the school. I did leave one year early, so to speak. The School System offered early retirement to teachers who had at least 28 years of experience. I had 29 years in the system. They offered to purchase up to two years of retirement time. The whole idea was to encourage the highest paid teachers to leave the system. Our replacements would be beginning teachers; hence the cost savings. A number of us took advantage of it. The bottom line is that I retired

in June,1993 (my 53rd birthday was in July) with 31 years in the retirement system. An important additional consideration for me was my health. A few years earlier I had developed a rather severe asthma problem which led me to call in sick more than I liked. I considered their retirement offer a God-send.

Since we were both teachers, being off in the summer allowed us to travel with our children. We often took several weeks to drive out west; especially enjoyable then and now are our national parks. I also have an older brother who lives in Torrance, Ca. (near L.A.), That was often our last stop before turning back east. In 1984 we stayed at his house for about ten days and took in a few competitions of the Olympic Games. We also have enjoyed Florida and its beaches over the years; many trips to Disney World also were often on the agenda. I also have to mention Hilton Head, SC. We find it to be a very relaxing place, even as a getaway during the winter. It's better than the cold weather in Cincinnati. We have also enjoyed cruises and some European travel.

Our two daughters are graduates of the University of Dayton. They both had great experiences at UD. Susan, our older daughter, met her husband there. She worked as a chemical engineer as he attended medical school. She has long been gone from her engineering days since they have five children which have kept her busy; two are now attending universities, one in high school, and two in grade school. Our younger daughter graduated in 2002 and taught for a number of years in a catholic grade school. She is also a stay-at-home mom with three girls. Our son went to Moeller High School and from there to the University of Notre Dame graduating in 1999. He went on to attend Med School and now has a practice in Indianapolis. He and his wife have two sons. Yes, we have 10 grandchildren, ranging in age from 6 to 20. We have often traveled with each family and occasionally rented a property large enough to accommodate everyone.

Carol and I have been members of St. Michael Parish in "downtown" Sharonville for forty-six years and have participated in many activities over that time. Even though we are moving further away, we intend to continue to be members there.

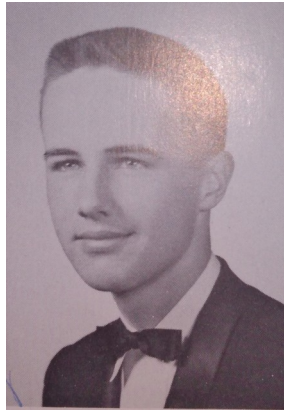
We have taken the corona virus seriously and have been very careful in going out. At times this has been difficult, but we are doing well.

Towards the end of September we will be moving to a new house in Loveland, OH, another suburb of Cincinnati. Our new address will be 2644 Shady Locust Trail, Loveland, OH, 45140. I understand our land-line telephone number will not change (513-733-1970); my cell # 513-519-2247.

Richard (I often go by Rick) Ihlendorf

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John Kane



1. I'm 78 and live in Colorado, spending most of my time these days at our 2nd home in Grand Lake, Co, but also maintaining a loft in downtown Denver. Best way to contact me is through my Regis U. email: jkane@regis.edu.

I left the SM in 1969 from the seminary then in St. Louis. Prior to that, I taught for two years at Chaminade Mineola (64-66) before being assigned to the Seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland (66-68). I then moved to McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario for four years of doctoral studies (70-74). My dissertation on the question of religious pluralism and truth was passed in 1978 when I formally received my PhD in religious studies with a primary focus on Philosophy of Religion and a secondary focus on Hinduism and Buddhism. I married my Presbyterian wife, Jean Demmler, in 1971, and she too completed a doctorate (in sociology) while we were in Canada. We both moved in 74 to Madison, Wisconsin, to take up teaching positions at Edgewood College (Sinsinawa Dominicans). Our son Peter was born in Madison where we lived from 74 to 80. Then we moved to Denver where I took a position in the Religious Studies Dept. at Regis University and my wife left academe to open a research business focusing on research to affect public policy on issues like mental illness and suicide prevention. Our daughter Anna was born shortly after our move to Denver.

I taught at Regis (which I still love immensely) for 30 years before retiring in 2010. I deliberately chose a teaching career and thus jobs at smaller colleges, mostly because I had loved teaching as a Marianist. For many years I was chair of the Religious Studies Dept. at Regis (not such a big deal) and was privileged to be able to teach a wide range of courses – from Catholic theology, to Catholic Social Teaching, to ecumenism and interfaith understanding (with intro courses on both Buddhism and the many forms of Hindu religion). I remain in close contact with Regis, occasionally being invited to give guest lectures and to join faculty panels on a variety of topics.

I have long been active in peace and social justice activities, probably because of early experience in the Sodality as a student at Chaminade Mineola and the influence of many (Frs. John Dixon and William Ferree especially) at Mount St. John. My first experiences of “marching for Civil Rights” came during those years in Dayton. It was a student at Chaminade Mineola who first prodded me to

become active in the Anti-War movement of the 60s. And it was with sodality students at that time that I first visited the Catholic Worker house in New York's Bowery district. Since then, over the years, I have been involved with Pax Christi, with the Archdiocese of Denver's Peace and Justice Office, with efforts in Colorado to support the US Catholic Bishops' still immensely important pastoral letters on Economic Justice and on Peace. I have also been a member of the Denver area Catholic-Jewish dialogue and a consistent critic of Israel's treatment of Palestinians and of US money that continues to bankroll Israeli apartheid militarism. Public expression of such views in the Denver papers (and once before a Denver Jewish audience of 400+) has led to my being blackballed by official Denver Jewish groups, though I remain friends with many Denver area Jews and a strong supporter of Jewish Voice for Peace.

I began my public (non-academic) writing career" while at Regis (editing and writing an in-house faculty newsletter called "Catholicism in the News" and co-founding an independent small journal called "Leaven: An Independent Catholic Voice in the Rocky Mountain Region." Its subtitle gives a sense of Leaven's purpose – to provide news and analysis about things Catholic during a time when the Archdiocese of Denver, with a succession of John Paul II appointments for Archbishop, was essentially shutting down Catholic voices which did not cohere to the official line on voting or freedom of conscience or liturgical control, etc. It ran for more than 20 years until the need gradually lessened. I occasionally crossed swords with the Bishops by writing OpEd pieces for both the Rocky Mountain News (now gone) and the Denver Post. (Which of course made me persona non grata with those folks, but my position at Regis was never threatened (despite episcopal efforts) because the Jesuits actually believe in academic freedom.

In 2016 I published a book on Jesuit philosopher William F. Lynch which was, for me, a resolution of sorts for philosophical and theological issues I'd wrestled with for years: *Building The Human City: William F. Lynch's Ignatian Spirituality for Public Life* (Pickwick). It's essentially Lynch's critique of the polarizations we still face in political and cultural life.

Our son Peter died in 2004 (age 29) of a cancer which, we suspect, originated from a virus he'd picked up in the Peace Corps in South Africa. Our daughter Anna married John Creegan, a first generation Irish-American she'd met at Fordham. They now live in Denver with our two grandkids, Peter Seamus and Freya Jean, and a third on the way.

2. In response to Tom's question about what keeps us going during the pandemic isolation, I'd simply mention two things – our shared Christian faith (my continuing membership in the Catholic Church and my love for Pope Francis; her active leadership in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) at both the national and local level) and our joy in being regularly with our grandchildren.

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Joe Kroger (Deceased)

December 28, 1940- July 19, 2017



In Memory of Joe Kroger (died July 19, 2017)

For detailed information about Joe's life and death see the CB website. What follows is a brief reminiscence by John Kane

Joe entered the SM along with a number of others in his Purcell graduating class where his singing career began under the direction of Dick Zenhle. He often intoned the Salve for us at Marcy where we stood around the central statue of Mary. He continued to sing with various choral groups – classical and show music – wherever he lived.

Yet music was second to family – to his love and support for his wife Althea for whose career as a Vermont state politician he served as both campaign manager and advisor. He also supported her when, after a first bout with cancer, she returned to her family's roots in Poland to open an English language school for business folks in that now post-communist society. Their son is an expert on vaccinations who works for the CDC in Atlanta where he lives with his wife and Joe's two granddaughters..

And second also to teaching and studying about religion – something begun at Marcy, continued in the new seminary in St. Louis, deepened with PhD studies at McMaster U (Canada), and continued during his 45 years as a professor at St. Michael's College in Burlington, VT.

Joe's teaching and studying took him to many countries, often leading student trips (to Mexico and Japan), and often on research trips (to Hawaii to study Buddhism, and to Mexico to document similarities between the imagery of Aztec/Mayan goddesses and Mexican devotion to Mary). The latter research led to a very good, co-authored book with a Mexican art historian: *Aztec Goddesses and Christian Madonnas: Images of the Divine Feminine in Mexico* (Ashgate, 2012).

Yet the study of religion led Joe from Christian belief into a mature belief in Buddhism. I called it "Catholic Buddhism" since his musical performances (often in chapels) and his many social justice concerns both stemmed from the continuing influence of Catholic Christianity.

And Joe was always an adventurer – on motorcycle and private planes (he even qualified for commercial flight status). And a great collector – of books, tapes and discs, and Buddhist art – all carefully ordered on various shelves and walls and file cabinets.

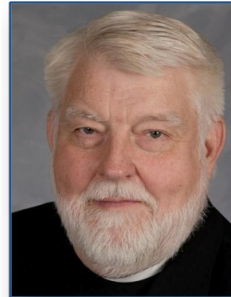
Joe's wife died in 2012 after her second bout with cancer. Joe's death came unexpectedly just after his retirement in Spring 2017 – while undergoing heart-valve replacement surgery to prepare him for the next stage of his life. May he rest in peace.

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Fr. Joe Lackner, SM (Deceased)

Feb. 11, 1942 – Apr. 28, 2013

Died in Seoul, South Korea



From Tom Salerno:

My best memories of Joe Lackner: He was my first haircut customer at Marcy. He wanted a flat top, but I could not get the top flat!! He was gracious, but looked terrible at lunch!! He never asked me to cut his hair again! I asked him to do my wedding in 1972. All went well until the end. After saying our vows, Joe leaned over and kissed Adele, my new wife, before he said, "You may now kiss the bride!" Everyone laughed!!!

From Marianist Headquarters in Rome:

May 2, 2013

The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOSEPH LACKNER**, priest of the Center Marianist Hale Malia Community (Honolulu), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 28, 2013 in Seoul, South Korea, at the age of 71 with 52 years of religious profession.

Fr. Joe was a beloved teacher, homilist, administrator and campus minister. He held several advanced degrees and especially enjoyed teaching and ministry in developing regions. He was returning to the United States from teaching at a University of Dayton program in Bangalore, India. He had stopped in Seoul to visit the Marianist brothers there when he suffered a heart attack. Resulting complications led to his death.

Born on February 11, 1942, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Fr. Joe was the oldest of three children of Joseph and Anna (Hayward) Lackner. He attended Cardinal Pacelli grade school and Purcell (now Purcell Marian) High School in Cincinnati, where he first encountered members of the Society of Mary.

Fr. Joe professed his first vows on August 22, 1960, in Marcy, New York, and his perpetual vows on August 15, 1965 in Dayton, Ohio. He was ordained a priest on January 22, 1972, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In his early career, Fr. Joe taught at high schools in Kentucky and Ohio. He began teaching at the university level in 1969, with positions at Parks College in Illinois, Saint Louis University in Missouri and Thomas More College in Kentucky.

In 1976, he began what would become a long association with the University of Dayton. At UD, he taught religion and education classes, and served as director of campus ministry from 1980 to 1988, and as a residence hall campus minister from 1988 through 1993.

Over his long career, he also taught at Xavier University in Cincinnati, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii.

An insatiable learner, Fr. Joe earned several college degrees over the course of four decades. He held two bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Dayton, a master's in Biblical languages and literature and a doctorate in historical theology from Saint Louis University, as well as a doctorate in private school education from the University of San Francisco, which he completed in 1997.

Fr. Joe combined teaching, learning and ministry with extensive travel. He spent time in England, Ireland, France, Germany and Austria, as well as Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Japan, India and South Korea.

Fr. Joe served as Assistant Provincial and Director of Education for the former Cincinnati Province from 1997 to 2002.

From 2002 to 2010, Fr. Joe was the Assistant for Developing Regions in the newly created Province of the United States. It was a role well suited to Fr. Joe's love of education and other cultures.

"Few people can take meticulous scholarship and speak it in such a way that the people listening hear the images and stories of a poet's heart," said Bro. Steve Glodek, who was the first Provincial of the new U.S. Province. "Joseph Lackner's love for and challenge to the brothers in Korea, Eastern Africa, India and Mexico contributed greatly to their development and maturity. His wisdom, good humor and largeness of heart were inestimable gifts," said Bro. Steve.

Fr. Joe spent the second half of 2010 on sabbatical, traveling the Silk Road – the historical trade route from China to Europe. He spent 2011 and 2012 teaching at Chaminade University and in the UD program in Bangalore.

While Fr. Joe was an accomplished educator and scholar, many will remember him best for his warmth and sense of humor.

"I will miss Joe's enthusiasm for the mission and his great fraternal spirit! He was a wonderful brother in community," said Fr. Jim Fitz, vice president for mission and rector at UD. "Fr. Joe's presentations on Marianist education and spirituality will be a lasting legacy to us all. It has been a privilege to share Marianist life with him over the years," said Fr. Jim.

The Marianist community in Seoul provided Fr. Joe with a traditional Korean memorial service, including chanting of the litany of the saints by a number of groups. The visitation April 29 lasted from 8 a.m. until after 9 p.m. “It was an overwhelming day of support and love for Joe and for the Marianists around the world,” said Bro. Dennis Schmitz, who went to Seoul to be with Fr. Joe when he was hospitalized. “How appropriate for Fr. Joe to die in a foreign land in a large city. He was among the people and the tall buildings he so dearly loved,” said Bro. Dennis.

Bro. Darwin Joseph was among the Marianist brothers in Bangalore who worked with Fr. Joe as part of the UD program. “I have lost a good friend, a teacher and a brother,” said Bro. Darwin. “He was very supportive of me in running the UD program and in helping me grow spiritually and intellectually. He was a big man and he had a big heart for God, the Society of Mary and for me.

May his soul rest in peace.”

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Bill Losito (Deceased)

Aug. 27, 1941 – July 19, 2017



In Memory of Bill Losito

One can find detailed information about Bill's life on the Common Bond website – especially at the thread of postings about Bill's death on Aug. 31, 2018. Below is simply a brief memorial for our class reunion booklet written by John Kane

Bill was one of the "Purcell contingent" in our vow class, along with Kroger, Gates, Wiethorn, Lackner, and others...(apologies for my lack of accurate memory). After leaving MSJ/UD, Bill taught for several years at Cathedral Latin and then spent a year at the seminary in Fribourg before deciding to leave the SM. He did a doctorate in education at Indiana U and the spent several decades as a professor at William and Mary, eventually being appointed to a chaired professorship in education. He met his wife Sherry at William and Mary and they had three children during their time in Williamsburg. Yet the latter years there were overshadowed by Sherry's long struggle with breast cancer, so they chose to return to Dayton hoping for a new start when Ray Fitz extended an invitation to Bill to take a position at UD's department of education. Too soon, Sherry's cancer returned and lead to her death. Bill soldiered on, but by the time his children were out of high school the Parkinson's had begun to cripple him had advanced and he moved to the Trinity retirement center (in metro Denver), first in assisted living and eventually in nursing care. He received regular support from his children and from bonders Bill Miller (59) and Myron (55) and Jan Achbach until his slow and gentle death. His mind was sharp and active till the end even as exhaustion led to long periods of sleep and silence. So too his life-long concern (stemming from sodality at Purcell) for the pursuit of justice through professional and educational ethics. Requiescat in pacem.

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Myles McCabe



I left the SM in 1979. As for many of us the reasons for leaving were complicated. I loved teaching but I wanted to work with social justice issues which at the time included race and economic disparity and immigration. I began working with group called Global Education Associates East Orange NJ who had connections with other groups working the United Nations. That work exposed to international justice concerns and some wonderful people including the staff at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and at the Campaign for Human Development (CHD).

In 1981 I began working with the Diocese of Wilmington Delaware coordinating the educational efforts of CRS and CHD. In Wilmington I also got to know my future wife Margaret Anne and we were married in 1982.

Thus began a journey of almost 40 years where I was the director of Justice and Peace in Lansing MI, Louisville KY, and Atlanta GA. We also adopted our two children. I had a chance to work with some of the finest women and men I have ever met. I was privileged to be on the board of the Roundtable which represented the social action directors in the US. I continued to work with CHD to support the creation of community organizing and economic development projects which empowered thousands of people living on the margins. During this time I visited hundreds of parishes discussing numerous social issues and how to impact local and national legislation. (This was back when legislators actually listened to constituents).

After a falling out with the Archbishop of Atlanta I became director of one of the Habitat for Humanity. This was a good fit for my love of building and renovating houses. My wife and I have renovated ten houses that we have either lived in or rented out.

In 2004 life came full circle when I was asked by the Marianists to become the first Justice and Peace Director for the new Marianist Province of the US. I had a lot of contacts with national and international social justice groups which they thought could enhance the efforts of the SM. I enjoyed reconnecting and working with many Marianists who I knew from when I was in the order 25 years before.

I retired in 2012 although I've continued to be involved in working for social justice. I still maintain connection with CRS. I work to support Bill Christensen's project with the very poor in Bangladesh

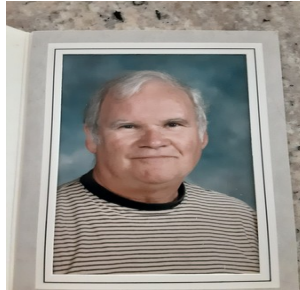
and was privileged to visit his work in 2016. Being a member of the board of Common Bond has been a gift and the response to some of our efforts especially the Gatherings has been very rewarding.

Margaret Ann and I have had occasion to spend time with many people in many places and it has expanded our world view. We have been able to visit every US state and all of the continents except Australia. God is good.

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My first assignment after UD was to Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore, where I was the first chemistry teacher at the new school. Besides chemistry, I also taught Math and Religion, and my superior was Bro. Tony , and Bro Matt Betz my mentor (a saint). At the end of the year I was then assigned to Chaminade, Mineola but the thought of leaving the Marianist a good part of 64-65 was challenging, and so on the first day of the retreat for final vows at Marcy, I decided to depart and start a new life. With \$100 and my suitcases, I left for Brooklyn and the bottom of my street, I called my parents to let them know that I was coming home. My mother, a devout catholic and somewhat old-fashioned, was not overly supportive. I stayed at home , without ever going out, till Wed, when I boarded a Greyhound bus to New Hampshire. My brother had just been transferred to North Andover, Mass with ATT@T and was willing to help me begin a new life. His future wife was a schoolteacher in Pepperell, Mass and had set up interviews for me at different school districts. I interviewed at 5 districts and was fortunate to receive an offer to teach middle school Math in North Andover. All chemistry positions had been taken, and I was just so happy to have a job. My good brother was kind enough to put me up, help me clothes and food, and then help me learn how to drive. Coming from Brooklyn, we never had a car. I had a great year of teaching, but didn't feel academically challenged. I applied to move to the high school but there were no openings. I spent the summer of 67 at Beaver College, Philadelphia, with a ChemBond Institute. The job of teaching chemistry at the high school never materialized, and I spent a 3rd year with middle school math. I began a Masters Program in Math at UNH, taking courses during the school year, and all summer for 3 years. And did get a masters in Math teaching in 1970. Meanwhile, I moved up to the high school in the fall of 67 and remained there for 37 years until I retired in 2002 (a 4 digit pallindrone). I had just turned 60 and felt that I still had a lot left in the tank, and I subbed at different school districts for 2 years, and then was approached by Brooks School, a boarding school in North Andover, to teach Math. I remained there for 7 years until 2011, when I finally retired, more or less. The boarding school experience was rewarding and wonderful, reminding me a lot of life at March and Dayton. The campus of 270 acres was on a Lake and life there was like a bubble. It was an Episcopal school, and we had chapel twice a week, and had a true sense of COMMUNITY. I was the Math Team coach at both North Andover High and Brooks School, and our teams always great success. I was inducted into the North Andover's school Academic Hall of Fame

last October, and this to me was truly humbling and deeply appreciative. I loved teaching and I loved my students, and am proud to have chosen this profession.

I feel as though I should stop now, however my personal life should be mentioned. I was married in August of 69 and was blessed with 5 children, 4 girls and 1 son. Erin, Kate, Colleen, Colin, and Meg. You can see that I was prejudiced by my Irish heritage. Sorry to say but Diane and I parted ways in the fall of 84, and much to the amazement of many of my friends, the children remained in my house. I had many hats to wear, but we all survived. I always had 2 or 3 jobs to make ends meet, teaching for 20 years as a adjunct professor at UNH, and again receiving an academic teacher's award and being chosen as the commencement speaker. I live close to the ocean and spent 20+ years supervising the town parking lots (3) at the beach. The good part of the job was to have my children work for me and help me out financially. Erin went to College of New Rochelle, Kate to UNH, Colleen to Assumption College in Worcester, Colin to James Madison in Harrison, Virginia, and Meg to St. Anslem's (Benedictine) in Bedford, NH. I feel very blessed that they had the college experience, and again you can see why I had to continually work. Diane was a good mother, but Dad had all the bills, and on top of that I had to pay out alimony. Life goes on and I still feel very blessed. I have been a Eucharistic minister in my parish, OLMM, and have volunteered teaching CCD and counting the money from the weekly collections. I have made it a mission to visit the sick and try to bring happiness and joy to those I encounter.

I never married again but have been in a blessed relationship since 2002 with a special ed teacher from North Andover. Having companionship and someone to love is essential to fullness of life. Our values are similar and our commitment to each other is solid.

Finally, I lost my eldest daughter Erin to breast cancer Feb 12 of 2019. She was living in NY since college and was diagnosed with cancer in 2013. After surgery and recovery, she lost her income and job from JPMorgan Chase, and struggled with agoraphobia, a mental illness confining them to a house and not going out. I had not seen Erin in about 3 years and when I did see her, she appeared to be a street woman. Between Erin with her agoraphobia, and Colleen with her anorexia, my prayers for each of them were daily and plentiful. Erin is on my mind daily and I always think what if??? She is in a better place than she had. I, myself, had a small stroke last December, and was quickly hospitalized in Portsmouth, NH. My arteries to my brain were blocked, 100% on the left, and 90%+ on the right. After consultation with a surgeon at Lahey clinic in Burlington, Mass on a Tuesday, I was informed by his office that Thursday that I would have surgery the next Monday. Very urgent. Martha brought me to the hospital on Mon for surgery, then my son came in Tues, my sister from Florida on Fri, my daughter from Illinois on Monday, and my daughter from Colorado on Friday. I was well taken care of, and my 6 month visit last week was very successful. Nothing till next year.

I love to bike the ocean road for 15-20 miles daily, mix in a little walk during the week with Colleen, attend daily mass, and then relax and read. With children and grandchildren all over I do like to travel. I was actually home last Christmas for the first time in 15 years.

I am deeply sorry if I had expounded too much but life has been good to me and I thank the Lord daily for all my blessings. Peace to you and your family, and to all the Marianists throughout the world.

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Ray Nolan (Deceased)

July 22, 1941 - Dec. 28, 2018



RAYMOND X NOLAN, age 77, died on Friday December 28, 2019, at Clipper Harbor, a health care facility in Portsmouth, NH.

Ray was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Mary and Vincent Nolan, on July 17, 1941. He graduated from Chaminade High School and attended the University of Dayton, where he studied for six years as a religious member of the Marianist Brothers. He completed his graduate degree from Columbia University.

In 1965, Ray married his childhood sweetheart, Doris Siebel. They started their family in New York City, and settled down in Amherst, New Hampshire in 1973. They were married for 24 years.

Ray's passions included reading, writing, and music. His family was the most important thing to him. He was loving, generous, protective, and enthusiastic. You always knew when Ray entered a room.

Ray was predeceased by two brothers, Vincent and Brian Nolan.

In recent years, Ray lived in Saxton River, Vermont with his devoted partner Helen Neswald. Ray leaves behind a loving family, who will cherish the memories they have with Ray. His son, Christopher, his wife Kris Gallo, and sons Corey and Crosby Nolan of Hooksett, NH. His daughter, Cara, her husband Mike Facques, and children Will, Sloan, Delaney, and Samantha Facques of Amherst, NH. His daughter, Jessica, her husband Steve Lozan, and daughters Chloe and Bella Lozan of Portsmouth, NH. All will remember Ray's loyalty, love, and acceptance.

Ray lived the last years of his life diagnosed with Alzheimer's. For this reason, Ray's family would like to ask for donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Ray's memory. A private service for family was held Sunday, December 30th in Portsmouth NH.

Source: https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/raymond-nolan?fh_id=11813

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Russ O'Neill

I left the SM when I was in the seminary in 1975. Got a job as religion teacher and eventually assistant principal at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (before the LeBron days!) and have been in education ever since. I have been married to the love of my life, Patricia Roth O'Neill (a former Dominican Sister), for 44 years. We have three children and five grandchildren.

After St. VM, I became director of Allentown (PA) Business College, Mansfield Business College (Canton), and Hickock Technical Institute (Cleveland). I became Director of Continuing Education at Stark State College in Canton and retired in 2013 at the ripe old age of 72.

In 2000 I was ordained a deacon for the Youngstown Diocese and since then have served the community of Holy Spirit Church in Uniontown. I have found a great deal of joy and humility in diaconal ministry (baptisms, weddings, funerals, RCIA, and preaching). In the current pandemic, I am considered high-risk, so I have not been able to go back to Mass yet. That has been hard. Our pastor asked me if I would make my ministry writing a weekly reflection (homily) that is posted on our web site. It has been a challenge but it is also rewarding to know that I am able to help others who cannot come back to Church. have had two major health challenges. In April 2013 I went into cardiac arrest while working out at the YMCA. Doctor said that only 5% of the people that happens to survive. That certainly makes you think. They put in a defibulator and I was fine ever since, although that did prompt me to retire. Then this past February the doctor suggested that I have my heart valve replaced, which is a pretty normal procedure these days. That surgery went fine, but then I had some serious repercussions with my heart and was in the hospital for two weeks. I am doing much better now but still must be very careful where I go and whom I am with.

See the Cleveland vow class on the next page.

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11 Marianist Brothers in 1st vows

Eleven young men from the diocese were among 47 who made first vows as Marianist Brothers last month at Chaminade Preparatory, Marcy, N.Y.

Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse presided at the ceremony, and Marianist Father James M. Darby, Cincinnati provincial, received the vows.

Taking first vows were Brothers James P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Brown, 331 E. 211 St., Euclid; Thomas E. Corrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Corrigan, 2547 Charney Rd.; Raymond L. Fitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Fitz, 1660 19th St., Cuyahoga Falls; Ralph J. Gohring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Gohring, 2232 Barrington Rd., University Hts.; Valentine J. Habjan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine J. Habjan, 727 E. 214 St., Euclid.

James R. Hoenigman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hoenigman, 5061 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls; Paul R. Kozak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kozak, 15433 Brewster Rd., East Cleveland; Louis D. Leinweber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leinweber, 1101 Quilliams Rd., Cleveland Hts.; Russell J. O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. O'Neill, 17325 Telford Ave.; Robert A. Politi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Politi, 3302 Parklane Dr., Parma, and Thomas L. Salerno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry T. Salerno, 295 E. 257 St., Euclid.

Brothers Brown, Habjan, Hoenigman, Leinweber and Sa-

lerno are St. Joseph High graduates.

Alumni of Cathedral Latin High are Brothers Corrigan, Gohring, Kozak and O'Neill.

Brother Fitz attended St. Vincent High, Akron, and Brother Politi went to Holy Name.



Front row: Brothers Hoenigman, O'Neill, Salerno, Gohring, Leinweber and Fitz.
Back row: Brothers Politi, Kozak, Brown, Habjan and Corrigan.

John Pier (Deceased)

March 23, 1941 – August 18, 2012



Comments by Bob Hackenberg:

John Pier was one of my best friends at Chaminade Dayton. He was the 'brain' of our group and was elected President of the class of 1959. He and another of our friends were the stars of the Speech and Debate club and won the state title several years in a row. When he taught at Purcell HS, he was the sponsor of the Speech and Debate club. The year I was at Purcell I was assigned as his assistant coach despite the fact I knew nothing about or cared for speech and debate. My primary role was to act as a second driver and to judge debates in tournaments.

John left the SM in 1969 and I believe pursued a law degree. He married Agnes Pier and they lived in Windsor, CT, where he served for a number of years as mayor of Windsor while working there as a lawyer for an insurance company.

John died of multiple myeloma at age 71. His wife, Agnes, subsequently remarried.

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Bruce Segall

“All through the years”

After a 40-year career in education, 35 as a high school principal (23 in public and 12 in Catholic schools) and 5 years as an Adjunct Professor in Education and Principal Coach I decided to retire. While I was in education, I was frequently in touch with the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative. As I drew closer to retirement, I became more involved with their Immigration and Racial Justice Teams.

“Retirement and Volunteering”

Fortunately, I was able to build a good pension and with my social security I do not have to work. I am currently volunteering at St. Mary's parish in Nutley, NJ as their Coordinator of Social Concerns. Connected with this I serve on two Diocesan (Newark) task forces – Environmental and Immigration Justice.

“Personal Epiphany Experiences”

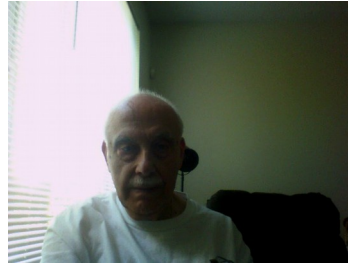
1. The SM provided me with my first epiphany experience. Having just graduated from high school, I was exposed to religious life – meditation, prayer life, study, and community living. This monastic experience had a profound impact on the rest of my life. After years of study I would begin my career in education. Years later I would write an unpublished book entitled “The Monk in the Schoolhouse.” This was my attempt to explain how I was trying to live out a religious life in the world.
2. The second epiphany experience was adjusting to the world outside of religious life. It took me a number of years to find the correct balance. The early years of my marriage (1968) were stressful and had an effect. The good news is that we raised three beautiful children and 5 grandchildren. The bad news is that we ended up in a divorce.
3. Finally, my Annulment and Remarriage were another epiphany. My experience of annulment was very healing and restorative. Knowing that the Church invalidated my first marriage allowed me to explore later in life a more normal courtship and marriage in the Church. I found my soulmate and we have been married for 10 years. Like me she is a woman of prayer, who has also experienced annulment and remarriage.

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Bro. Robert Anthony Politi, SM



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After Marcy onward to Dayton from '60-'64. The summer of '64 a small group of us did our so-called "lesson plans" (told to by Bro. John Jansen) to Archbishop Moeller High School, There we met the great Larry Evelsage. While there we received our first teaching assignment. I was assigned to Purcell High School (our community at the time was at the corner of Woodburn and Taft. That year also I received my BS in Education and Business Education (Dec. –UD). I taught business courses. 1965 made our PV retreat at the Retreat House in Dayton (MSJ). 1966 I started the first slow-learner program (later became special education program) in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Around 1967 summer I started courses at the University of Cincinnati for Special Education (I was not accepted at UD, told by Education Dept. Special Education did not fit into the Society of Mary Education). I received my MA in Special Education in 1972. Continue to teach at Purcell which became Purcell Marian in 1982-special education (math, religion, English, history) until I retired in 2015 (after 50 years in one school). Besides teaching I had fund raisers; locks and lockers; business manager for the school; moderator of the band and also the parents; in charge helping the school to know about the Marianists and living the spirit of it.

In 2010 I became sacristan and organizer of the Liturgical Ministries at St. Francis de Sales Church, as well as a member of the Pastoral Council and the Marianist Spirit Committee (which is on the same property of Purcell Marian). The Marianists have served this church since 1985.

As a Marianist, I have been able to serve students with special needs. Reaching out to these students has graced me to be human, to accept who I am—the gifts and talents with which God has blessed me. My life as Marianist has been one of living in faith, as Mary did—many unknowns. Each year has been an interesting one, the most rewarding experience as a Marianist has been answering the call to be a special education (an intervention specialist). Teaching, serving and working with students with special needs has been a blessing to me. These students have taught me about life—be yourself, enjoy the life god has given you. They have challenged me-to be a part of their lives, to form their gifts and talents. I have been able to hope and trust, while not knowing what live ahead of me.

I spend time now in prayer, helping at the parish, reading, emails, letters and phone calls to family and friends.

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Tom Scheper (Deceased)

January 4, 1941 – June 30, 2017



THOMAS SCHEPER



What follows is personal reminiscence along with material drawn from the CB Website – written by John Kane

I first met Tom at a HS Sodality convention at Chaminade, Dayton, where (if memory serves) I stayed several nights with Tom's family. In those days and thereafter, Tom was a great athlete (basketball and tennis) while I was a happy wannabe. When we were together at Marcy and MSJ we "shared families" during visiting days. He majored in math and then taught at Cathedral Latin in Cleveland from 1964 to January of 1968. His last S.M. assignment was to St. Paul's College in Altona North, Victoria, Australia from January to August of 1968.

Sometime during the 60s he took a summer course at Fordham where we reconnected (I was then at Mineola), but more significantly where he first met his wife Rosalie, then also a Catholic sister. Upon leaving the SM, Tom received NSF Scholarship from Ohio University and completed a Master's program in Math in 1969. He married Rosalie, who was also working on an MA in Spanish at Ohio University. They settled in Miamisburg, Ohio, where Tom first worked for Frigidaire and then began his long career with General Motors where he managed information systems in Dayton and then in Rochester, New York, and Troy, Michigan, retiring in 1999.

In 2008, Tom had a massive stroke which left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak. Rosalie became his primary caretaker after that and I remember once sitting around their breakfast table in Macomb Township (MI). Tom couldn't talk but understood everything and Rosalie by then had an amazing ability to interpret the noises which Tom could manage. Later, as I left their home to return to my car, Tom accompanied me up the block in his wheelchair – still happily showing himself strong and athletic within very difficult new limits.

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Ed Smith

After leaving Marianist College, I was sent to St. James, Chester where I taught English for 5 years and one year of hell teaching Religion in a non-structured environment with no curriculum. Not recommended! Loved St. James and the mansion we lived in then.

I was then sent to Chaminade, Mineola to replace Bob Durso. I taught English, became Director of Drama after Lenny Monteleone left and thoroughly enjoyed working with my colleagues and the students in this most creative environment. I became the Director of Development and with Dick Hartz worked with the Alumni Association. After 18 years I was in need of a change and asked to be transferred to the Pacific Province. Need to live near the ocean!

I became the Director of Counseling and continued teaching English at Chaminade Prep in West Hills. I was chosen to be the Director of the Community. During these five years I got my second Masters, this time in Marriage and Family Therapy. My dear friend Fr. John McEnhill was also a therapist and through his guidance and encouragement, I developed a private practice alongside of my community responsibilities. After five yel met my future husband and left the community. At this point I had served for 31 years as a Marianist brother and teacher and I don't regret one of those many years.

I then got a teaching/counseling job at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy outside of Pasadena. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the Dominican Sisters in this all-girls school. We had about 65 foreign boarders so I was exposed to what was primarily an Asian population of girls whom I grew deeply devoted to during the next 22 years. After my day at FSHA, I went to my private therapy practice in Burbank and did that wonderful work until my retirement both from 50 years of teaching and 25 years of therapy work 5 years ago.

My husband, Joy, is Filipino and together we developed an on-line antique business buying and selling porcelain, first Japanese (Nippon) porcelain and then Art Nouveau pieces from the late 19th century. We now have a personal collection of over 200 pieces. We live in a museum! We also are devoted to our dogs, currently French Bulldogs. We retired to Rancho Mirage, nearby Palm Springs 4 years ago.

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In the early 1990's the Marianists had moved into much more ministry to the poor and underserved in our cities. I attended an "Urban Plunge" retreat at the Findlay Street community with 3 other Marianists. I had been thinking about ways to be more directly involved with the poor, especially those poorly educated. This retreat moved me to take steps to start discerning what I was called to do given my skills and background. Fortunately, I received a call from the DeSales Crossings Community in Cincinnati, inviting me to consider moving there and being part of a loose knit collaborative of Catholic Social Services in the parish boundary. I explored possibilities and was invited to start a Computer based GED and Job Training program in a store front operation called Mercy Connections. In 1998 I joined the DeSales Crossings community and found the ministry to be challenging, exciting, and rewarding in so many ways. The experience gave me an entirely new awareness of the many issues causing poverty, lack of education, and institutional racism in the area. After 4 years at Mercy Connections, we merged with 3 other Ministries under the supervision of the Sisters of Mercy and became Mercy Neighborhood Ministries housed in a new building constructed by the parish. It contained the grade school cafeteria, auditorium, a couple classrooms on the 1st floor and MNM occupied the 2nd and Ground floors of the building. The DeSales Crossings Project was one of the most exciting ministries I had ever been part of and it continues today uniting the parish, grade school, Purcell Marian High School, a counselling service, MNM and the DeSales Community.

After 13 years in Cincinnati, I was selected to become the Director at Mercy Siena, now Siena Woods as described at the beginning.

The past 60 years have been very blest and I am so happy to have lived through the changes in the Church, Vatican II, the evolution of the Society of Mary into a Post Vatican II religious order, and the cultural and sociological changes in our world.

In the late 1960's Bro Stan Mathews lead a program called "Communication for Renewal" for all of our communities. As a result of these meetings we changed how we pray, see our mission, live in community (small and large), our relationship to the Lay Marianist Family, and how we make decisions at the personal, local, and international level. Two things stand out as key for me are the revisions of our Rule of Life allowing the development of small communities and the growth of the Lay Marianist Family.

In 1975 I moved into a small community of 7 and have lived in similar communities since that time. The participative style of decision making, reflecting together on our lives of prayer, fraternity, and mission changed my life. Whenever I could was part of a "Formation Community" provided the setting to share our life with those considering a Marianist vocation or in initial formation. I think once you are a vocation director always a vocation director.

While travelling as Vocation Director I listened to a set of 16 tapes made by Bro Larry Cada on the History of Marianist Religious Life. He predicted that the Marianist religious numbers would become much smaller and the Lay Marianist Family would grow significantly in coming years. That idea became the lens through which I envisioned my work with vocation contacts. Both Frank O'Donnell, Vocation Director for the New York Province at that time, and I saw our ministry as assisting individuals in discerning what God was doing in their lives, what graces and gifts they were given, and how each could best respond to God's grace: religious, priest, married or single lay person, etc. We no longer saw our role as being "Recruiters". I believe that if we live our community life faithfully and with integrity, our Charism will attract individuals to become religious Marianists. Our numbers are and will be small. At the same time, we are learning how to collaborate with the lay Marianists and lay people in the church to live our Charism in many parts of the world. For me the term Marianist incudes all individuals who consciously live the Charism Blessed Chaminade and Blessed Adele passed on to us: religious men and women, Lay Family of Mary groups, Common Bonders, and our collaborators in Sponsored ministries, etc. We are the Marianists of today and I find it exciting to be giving my little part!

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Family: Married to Judy for 48 years. We have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. The children currently live mostly on the East Coast [King Ferry, NY (north of Ithaca), Manassas Park, VA (near Dulles airport), Binghamton, NY, and Newtown, PA (north of Philadelphia)].

Work History:

Marianist: St Joseph HS, Cleveland 9/64-12/65
North Catholic HS, Pittsburgh 1/66-5/67
After SM: University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
Asst Prof of Physics, 9/74-5/75
Director of Academic Computing, 6/75-5/87
Binghamton University (SUNY), Binghamton, NY
Director of Academic Computing Services, 5/87-1/13

Family and Community Activities:

Both Judy and I have been active members of our parish communities in Ames, Cedar Falls, and Binghamton. We've taught religious ed classes, Confirmation classes and Baptism prep classes. I've served on parish councils for many years. Lately that hasn't been a satisfying experience and I now leave that to others. For the last 7 years I've been active with our parish CHOW food pantry, currently leading our group.

Hobbies:

Woodworking: Since moving to New York, I've taken up woodworking as a hobby. My son, Mark, has caught the bug and often joins me on projects and I join him as well.

Photography: Professional travel has taken me to many parts of the US. I like landscape photography best and now have over 10,000 images on my computer that I sorely need to organize.

Health and Recent Events:

A little over 5 years ago, I had a serious operation called a Whipple procedure in which a portion of the pancreas is removed and some of the “plumbing” around the small intestine and stomach is redone. I have reached the point where I no longer have to have annual screenings. After a rough year or so, I’m in good health.

On February 5 of this year my daughter in Virginia suffered a bleeding aneurysm on an artery that connects the left and right lobes of her brain. Since May she’s been home recovering and building back the neural pathways that she needs to resume her work as school district coordinator for K-12 STEM and Career programming. Her recovery is truly miraculous. Judy and I have been spending almost half of our time in VA helping her and her family deal with this situation.

Reconnecting with SMers:

Call to Action: a Border Experience. Judy and I signed up for this November 2019 event. When we showed up in McAllen, Texas, I was astounded to find that the organizer of this event was Jerry Brazier. He told me that Myles McCabe was in the other room! In the couple of days that followed I had the opportunity to chat with Myles and meet his wife, Margaret Ann. Jerry was busy running the event. What a pleasant surprise.

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In the early 1990's the Marianists had moved into much more ministry to the poor and underserved in our cities. I attended an "Urban Plunge" retreat at the Findlay Street community with 3 other Marianists. I had been thinking about ways to be more directly involved with the poor, especially those poorly educated. This retreat moved me to take steps to start discerning what I was called to do given my skills and background. Fortunately, I received a call from the DeSales Crossings Community in Cincinnati, inviting me to consider moving there and being part of a loose knit collaborative of Catholic Social Services in the parish boundary. I explored possibilities and was invited to start a Computer based GED and Job Training program in a store front operation called Mercy Connections. In 1998 I joined the DeSales Crossings community and found the ministry to be challenging, exciting, and rewarding in so many ways. The experience gave me an entirely new awareness of the many issues causing poverty, lack of education, and institutional racism in the area. After 4 years at Mercy Connections, we merged with 3 other Ministries under the supervision of the Sisters of Mercy and became Mercy Neighborhood Ministries housed in a new building constructed by the parish. It contained the grade school cafeteria, auditorium, a couple classrooms on the 1st floor and MNM occupied the 2nd and Ground floors of the building. The DeSales Crossings Project was one of the most exciting ministries I had ever been part of and it continues today uniting the parish, grade school, Purcell Marian High School, a counselling service, MNM and the DeSales Community.

After 13 years in Cincinnati, I was selected to become the Director at Mercy Siena, now Siena Woods as described at the beginning.

The past 60 years have been very blest and I am so happy to have lived through the changes in the Church, Vatican II, the evolution of the Society of Mary into a Post Vatican II religious order, and the cultural and sociological changes in our world.

In the late 1960's Bro Stan Mathews lead a program called "Communication for Renewal" for all of our communities. As a result of these meetings we changed how we pray, see our mission, live in community (small and large), our relationship to the Lay Marianist Family, and how we make decisions at the personal, local, and international level. Two things stand out as key for me are the revisions of our Rule of Life allowing the development of small communities and the growth of the Lay Marianist Family.

In 1975 I moved into a small community of 7 and have lived in similar communities since that time. The participative style of decision making, reflecting together on our lives of prayer, fraternity, and mission changed my life. Whenever I could was part of a "Formation Community" provided the setting to share our life with those considering a Marianist vocation or in initial formation. I think once you are a vocation director always a vocation director.

While travelling as Vocation Director I listened to a set of 16 tapes made by Bro Larry Cada on the History of Marianist Religious Life. He predicted that the Marianist religious numbers would become much smaller and the Lay Marianist Family would grow significantly in coming years. That idea became the lens through which I envisioned my work with vocation contacts. Both Frank O'Donnell, Vocation Director for the New York Province at that time, and I saw our ministry as assisting individuals in discerning what God was doing in their lives, what graces and gifts they were given, and how each could best respond to God's grace: religious, priest, married or single lay person, etc. We no longer saw our role as being "Recruiters". I believe that if we live our community life faithfully and with integrity, our Charism will attract individuals to become religious Marianists. Our numbers are and will be small. At the same time, we are learning how to collaborate with the lay Marianists and lay people in the church to live our Charism in many parts of the world. For me the term Marianist includes all individuals who consciously live the Charism Blessed Chaminade and Blessed Adele passed on to us: religious men and women, Lay Family of Mary groups, Common Bonders, and our collaborators in Sponsored ministries, etc. We are the Marianists of today and I find it exciting to be giving my little part!

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Addendum

Download Jim Brown Video of Marianist Novitiate 1959-1960
<http://datasink.com/images/VowClass1960/Novitiate1960.mpg>



Mineola Novitiate Group

(Front l-r) Tom Long, Jim Mahoney, Ed smith, Jack Clarke

(Middle) Dick Hartz, John Kane, Bruce Seegal, Dick Fleming, Myles McCabe

(Back) Bob Durso, Ray Nolan, Bob O'Connell, Chuck Laliberte

**Photos from a visit to Chaminade Prep by Jim and Judy Wolf
August 27, 2020**



All buildings now converted to apartments



1960 Vow Class

Displayname	Status	Birth	left SM	Death
Fr. Michael Ambruso '60	deceased in SM	1941		1994
Don Bach '60	exSM	1941	1963	
Jerry Barnes '60	deceased exSM	1941	1967	2010
Dominic Barreca '60	exSM	1941	1962	
Fred Blatnik '60	exSM	1941	1970	
Larry Boesch '60	exSM	1941	1966	
Bro. Jim Brown '60	in SM	1941		
Bob Bulanda '60	exSM	1939	1972	
Gene Cade '60	exSM	1941	1967	
Joe Clark '60	exSM	1940	1993	
Jack Clarke '60	exSM	1941	1986	
Tom Corrigan '60	exSM	1941	1990	
David Dahm '60	exSM	1941	1968	
Jack DeSantis '60	exSM	1940	1963	
Bob Durso '60	exSM	1942	1970	
Bro. Raymond Fitz '60	in SM	1941		
Bro. Robert Flaherty '60	in SM	1941		
Dick Fleming '60	deceased exSM	1940	1973	2012
Bill Gannon '60	deceased exSM	1940	1969	2010
Jim Gates '-60	exSM candidate	1941	1960	
Ralph Gohring '60	exSM	1941	1969	
Luis Gonzalez '60	exSM	1942	1966	
Valentine Habjan '60	exSM	1941	1966	
Bob Hackenberg '60	exSM	1941	1967	
Jim Hamm '60	exSM	1941	1968	
Bro. Richard Hartz '60	in SM	1942		
James Hoenigman '60	deceased exSM	1941	1985	1996
William Huff '60	exSM	1941	1962	
Richard Ihlendorf '60	exSM	1941	1969	
John Kane '60	exSM	1942	1969	
Bill Kill '60	exSM	1941	1961	
Leon Klemens '60	deceased exSM	1941	1961	1966
Wayne Klenotic '60	exSM	1941	1971	
Robert Koenig '60	exSM	1941	1964	
Paul Kozak '60	exSM	1941	1976	
Joe Kozuh '60	exSM	1939	1964	
Joe Kroger '60	deceased exSM	1940	1968	2017
Fr. Joseph Lackner '60	deceased in SM	1942		2013
Charlie Laliberte '60	exSM	1941	1969	
Brian Lane '60	exSM	1940	1965	
Joe LaSala '60	exSM	1941	1963	
Louis Leinweber '60	exSM	1941	1962	
Gene Loewer '60	exSM	1941	1966	
Tom Long '60	exSM	1941	1967	