



Father Donald Cahill

Celebrating 75 years of Profession

I was ordained on June 11, 1961. There were four of us: me, Don Cowie, a Japanese Marianist, and a Spanish Marianist, who went to a nearby German diocese to be ordained with their ordination class. I returned to the United States and celebrated my first Mass at my home parish, Holy Redeemer in Detroit, with my family present.

I have served in many different ministries: high schools, parishes, and hospital ministry in MO, TX, WI, OK, and OH. My time at Vianney High School in St. Louis was very positive.

The celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation were powerful for me. In the Eucharist, I experience and imagine the closeness that Mary had with Jesus when he came into our world. In the Eucharist, we can all experience the great love of God for us and His nearness to us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I am a silent witness to the gracious mercy of a God who loves us more than we know. Those Sacraments were and are graces for me, and I hope and pray they were graces for all those who shared them with me.

In all my ministries, I continue to know that there is no end to God's mercy and that He never gives up on us. It has been a blessing.