



Brother James Leahy

Celebrating 80 years of Profession

I was born on September 2, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY. I have three brothers and one sister. I professed my first vows on August 20, 1944, at Marianist Prep in Beacon, NY. I was blessed to serve in many schools before I retired in 2008 to the Cupertino Marianist Community in Cupertino, CA.

1946-1947	Cathedral High, Cleveland, OH – Teacher
1947-1947	St John’s Home, Brooklyn, NY – Teacher
1947-1948	Chaminade High School, Mineola, NY – Teacher
1948-1949	Trinity College, Sioux City, IA – Teacher
1949-1955	Covington Catholic, Covington, KY – Teacher & Asst. Principal
1955-1956	St Joseph High School, Cleveland, OH – Teacher
1957-1960	Hamilton Catholic High School, Hamilton, OH – Teacher
1960-1962	Purcell High School, Cincinnati, OH – Teacher
1962-1970	Chaminade High School, Mineola, NY – Teacher
1970-1993	St. James High School, Chester, PA – Teacher & Principal
1994-2008	Riordan High School, San Francisco, CA – Teacher

Over the years of my teaching career, I have endeavored to imitate a fellow Marianist, Brother Leonard Mann, who was my ideal when I was his student in the postulate.

I lived for the classroom and, thank God, managed to enjoy it daily for 66 years. I credit everything I was able to accomplish during these years to the older Society of Mary members with whom I lived during my initial years as an educator.

I learned quite early in life that I would not be able to do everything for everybody but would be able to do something for somebody.