



## Brother Ronald Overman

### *Celebrating 60 years of Profession*

*“Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”* That quote from Corinthians sums up much of my life as a Marianist. I’ve been blessed with many opportunities and experiences these past 60 years.

I graduated from Chaminade Dayton (now Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School) and in my last year was accepted into the Society of Mary’s formation program. After the novitiate and a B.S. in Management from University of Dayton (UD), I was assigned to the novitiate community as Business Manager. I then spent a year at Bergamo Retreat Center in OH in the finance office and went on to be the Executive Director at Bergamo East in NY for five years.

Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer at the Cincinnati Province were my next appointments from 1977-1997 while obtaining an MBA from UD in 1982. It was my ministry as Director of the Marianist Mission that was most unexpected. The opportunity to visit India and experience the works of our brothers, especially the R.E.D.S. program, which touches the lives of many children was most rewarding. I am currently serving as the Associate Treasurer at UD a role I’ve held since 2018.

I look upon the experiences and ministries in the past and realize that each one brought unique and gifted people with whom to work. I was blessed to have so many generous people as colleagues.

My experiences have been mainly in administration and finance during my years of ministry. In my early ministry years, I had great mentors in the financial arena who led me in my professional development. I also have great community members who used their experiences to help form me in the Marianist traditions. I was blessed to have so many religious and lay mentors in all the year of service to the Society of Mary.

I think the Society of Mary mirrors the quote from Corinthians, we have many gifts and a variety of ways of using them for the ministry of the Church.