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***50 Years as a Jesuit***

Sometime during my high school years, God began calling me to join the Society of Jesus. On September 1, 1968, I answered that call and entered the Jesuit novitiate. God has blessed me with certain talents, and I have tried to use those talents to the best of my ability.

The various assignments I have had during my 50 years in the Society have provided me many opportunities to serve Christ, the Society, and the Church. Being a high school teacher and coach, working in a parish and a retreat house, being the minister of the house in Jesuit communities, doing sacramental ministry as a permanent deacon, and being a police chaplain have all put me into contact with a variety of people, and I was able to assist them in many different ways. I have met many people through the years, and I cherish the friendships that I have. I am very happy being a Jesuit brother, and every day I thank God for my vocation.

