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***50 Years in the Priesthood***

Of the 50 years of my priesthood, 46 have been spent mostly at Saint Louis University as a professor of music in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts and in sacramental engagement at Saint Francis Xavier College Church. For this, my mission from our Society, I am supremely grateful.



The enduring sameness of my locale stands in sharp contrast to the many and varied apostolic opportunities I have enthusiastically encountered. I remember with great affection my close friends and colleagues both in the university community and in the parish community. Adding to these are the many friendships that have arisen spontaneously over the years, and the people who have been generous with their inspiration, support, encouragement and witness of faith and strength in suffering. Lastly but most importantly, I am supremely grateful for my dear family and friends in Denver, Colorado, who have always and lovingly supported and encouraged me in my vocation.

Now a one-year retiree residing happily with my Jesuit brothers, I am confident that I can face my later years with equal enthusiasm, armed with the graces of my Jesuit vocation that enable me to find God in all the events the future may bring. Please pray that I have courage to cooperate in that precious grace.

