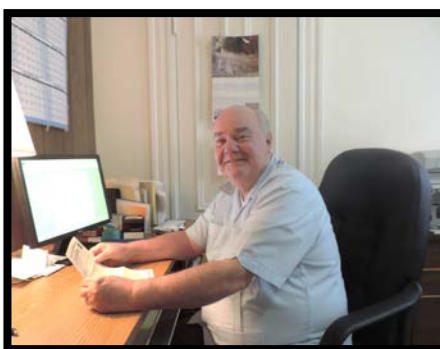




U.S. MARIST MISSION OFFICE

Wow!!! Who can ask for anything more: an exciting and challenging run of six years as Mission Promoter for the Marist USA province. On returning from my twelve years on a wonderful mission experience in the Philippines, I was asked to take over the Office of Mission Promotion.



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It was at first a daunting challenge because I never realized the varied and important tasks for which the promoter was responsible. Not only did the office raise money for our missionaries through mission co-operative preaching and appeal letters, but we assisted our Marists with banking needs, medicines, and correspondence with donors.

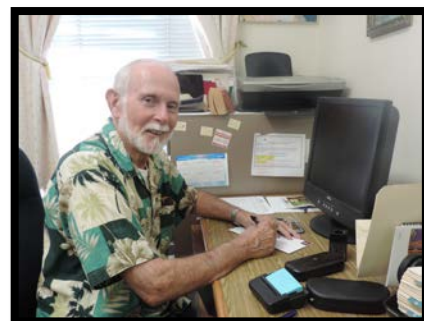
One of the gratifying aspects of the ministry was the generous assistance given by my brother Marists in the province. We are privileged to preach in various parishes around the country each year through the generosity of the offices of the Propagation of the Faith in many dioceses. My task was to contact our men in different parts of the country and ask their assistance in preaching for our missions. I was continually filled with gratitude for the willingness of our men to oftentimes travel great distances and make sacrifices with their time to help support our Marist missionaries. Having been in the Philippines, I began to understand that we developed our mission there because of the kindness of Marists who raised the money we needed to continue.

I was deeply touched by the goodness and openheartedness of those who wanted to share in the work of our Marist missions. Three times a year I wrote appeal letters which were sent to 4,000 people. I was reminded often of the woman from the gospel whom

Jesus praised. She gave from her want. Many such good people gave to our missions and shared from the little they had.

As these six years come to an end, I express gratitude to God and to St. Joseph, whom I entrusted with the running of the office. Beginning January 2016 Fr. Walter Gaudreau will now carry the torch of the Mission Promoter. Mrs. Denise D'Amico is the secretary for the mission office and a great deal of all that is accomplished is the result of her loving service. Our missionaries will continue to be well served.

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