

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

As I leave Queen of Apostles after 13 years of witness as a religious Brother and in parish ministry, Bob Hope's theme song wells up in my heart. In 1994 after many years in high schools and administration, I came from the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at UC Santa Cruz to our parish. I never envisioned I would be involved in parish ministry. I thank Father Jim for the opportunity to serve here. Also I wish to thank all who served on the staff so generously, especially Pat Sarria with whom I collaborated most closely.

In a special way I thank you – all the “people of God” of Queen of Apostles Parish and School. I will remember you most fondly, so “thanks for the memories.”

My official title here was “pastoral associate” but that nomenclature is like Heinz products with 57 varieties. Part of my responsibilities included Adult Faith Formation, Small Christian Communities, parish library, young adults and others. In addition I tried to be present to the faculty, students, and parents of our grade school and religious education program. I even taught periodically the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in an abiding interest of mine – local history.

I will now move on to Vancouver, B.C. Here I am responding to the desire of the Marianist Archbishop for him to live again in community, which is at the heart of religious life. I will join him at his residence. You trained me well as I shall also be involved in the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education with emphasis in Adult Faith Formation. The local Catholic college has offered to me to teach there as well, especially in Church History.

As I leave Queen of Apostles in late June, I call upon Mary in her visitation to Elizabeth and Junipero Serra who we know because of his ministry in California which he began as he approached his senior years. I know I can count on your prayers as well.

Until some time in August, I shall reside at the Marianist Center, 22683 Alcalde Road, Cupertino, CA 95014-393 (phone number is pending). After that I will move to my new community at 4888 Selkirk Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6H 3A3. I will maintain my e-mail, [bbolts@juno.com](mailto:bbolts@juno.com) and add one later for the Vancouver Archdiocese.

Thank you for all you are and farewell for now. May you continue to be empowered as laity in our Catholic Church.

Sincerely in JMJ

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