

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Bro. Jim Vorndran, S.M.

Bro. Jim was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Penn. He professed first vows in the Society of Mary in 1959 and served as a teacher of religion, biology, health science and African history in Kentucky, Ohio and East and Central Africa. At the age of 50 he obtained a degree in nursing and has worked as a staff nurse, taught nursing and cared for elderly Marianists in that capacity before moving to retirement and volunteering his services at St. Anthony's parish. He volunteers at St. Anthony and offers his services as a spiritual director, teacher of Centering Prayer and retreat director. "I believe that Maui – both its land (mountains) and people – have given me a new and enhanced vision of our Creator."

Fr. Jerry Pleva, S.M.

Fr. Jerry was born and grew up in the city of St. Francis, right outside the city of Milwaukee, six blocks from Lake Michigan. Besides the wonderful people here at St. Anthony's parish, he loves Maui because of the ocean and the rich array of nature, ingrained in him from childhood. In 2008 he will celebrate his Golden Jubilee (50 years) as a Marianist. He spent roughly 30 years teaching high school and 15 years as an associate pastor in a parish in San Antonio. Thirty years of his life have been spent in and around San Antonio. "I look forward to my time at St. Anthony working in ministry as a Marianist."

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

Fr. Roland hails from Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii. He is the oldest of six children of Jose and Patrosenia Bunda. He attended St. Michael's grade school staffed by the Maryknoll sisters and graduated from Saint Louis School in Honolulu. After graduating from the University of Dayton in Ohio, he taught mathematics at Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose, Calif., for nine years. He pursued his theological studies in preparation for the priesthood in Toronto. He was ordained on Aug. 4, 1978, at Queen of Apostles Church in San Jose. After a year of pastoral studies at Saint Louis University in Missouri, Fr. Roland came back to his alma mater for nine years as teacher, campus minister and principal at Saint Louis School. He became the campus minister at Junipero Serra High School in southern California for five years; then to the Marianist novitiate in Dayton for three years of formation ministry. Fr. Roland became the director of Newman ministry at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Calif., for 10 years before coming to Maui as pastor of St. Anthony's parish. "I thank the Lord and our Blessed Mother for this grace and blessing for coming back to Hawaii."