

CAVocation A Voices



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Congregation: Lay staff member of the Vocation Ministries Team of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers

How long in Vocation Ministry: 20 years -- 5 years as a full-time vocation minister

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues: Keep a good sense of humor -- "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people." (Victor Borge)

Birthplace: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: Traveling with my family, Alpine skiing, biking, reading

Favorite recipe: Scalloped Pineapple Hotdish

Ingredients:

- 4 cups, white toasted croutons
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups, sugar
- 2 tablespoons, lemon juice
- 1 cup, melted butter
- 1 cup, milk
- Pinch of salt
- 1 (#2 size) can, pineapple chunks, drained

Directions:

Beat eggs until light in color adding sugar gradually, then lemon juice. Add butter, milk, salt, and pineapple. Stir in bread cubes. Pour into greased 13" x 9" pyrex baking dish. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Great with turkey or ham too!

What book is currently on your bedside table? *"Dust"* by Yvonne Adhiambo Owour (A Kenyan family struggles to come to terms with its secrets and its nation's troubled history after the murder of one its members.)

Favorite TV Show: *"The Wonder Years"*

Favorite Movie: *"Babette's Feast"*

Favorite Song: "Wichita Lineman" (by Jimmy Webb but performed by Johnny Cash. The more popular Glen Campbell version is also excellent.)

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Butter brickle

Favorite Vacation Spot: Île d'Orléans, Québec, Canada

I've always wanted to visit: Norway & the Australian "outback"

My favorite thing about being close to women and men religious: Though our vocations are different, our struggles in remaining faithful to our callings, our commitments and our love for God and one another are shared; we can learn much from one another and be inspired by each other's stories.

I receive the most joy from:

My two daughters; watching them grow into their own lives in ways that forever change mine.



Why be a religious today:

The intimacy with God and with others that consecrated life instills in a special way among the women and men who live it, makes Christ's love shine more transparently to everyone, especially among those who dwell in life's shadows. In a contemporary world of fragmented relationships and truths, the intimacy and authenticity of a life consecrated to God is perhaps needed now more than at any point in our church's long history.

Previous ministries: Maryknoll Lay Missioner (Kenya, East Africa); Catholic Volunteer in Florida (High Springs, Miami & Orlando); Mercy Volunteer Corps (Philadelphia); U.S. Army Chaplains Assistant

What are you passionate about? Appreciating the divine in all things.

How do you relax? Quiet evenings with a good book and a glass of port wine.

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