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Dear Fr. Denny,

Do you remember the hopes and dreams you had early in your career or vocation? Fr. Tom Brenberger, C.P.P.S., remembers, though it has been 55 years since he was ordained.

"I wanted to be a good priest," he said.

What does it mean to be a good priest? Fr. Tom tried to figure it out. He wanted to live out his vocation and serve God in a way that felt most natural and right. "I knew I didn't want to be isolated from the world, alone in the rectory, and that the people should have to come to me," he said. "I wanted to be among the people. I always rejected the idea that as a priest, I'm different, set apart from the people."

After his ordination in 1966, he served for five years in the Missionaries' mission in Peru. He returned to the U.S. in the midst of a vast exodus of priests. After Vatican II, they were reexamining their vocations and many left to marry and start families. "I'd always wanted to have a family," Fr. Tom said. He went through an agonizing time of doubt before recommitting to his priestly vocation.

He was redeemed, he said, by the good people of St. John the Baptist Parish in Whiting, Ind., where he was sent as an associate pastor. "We (the Missionaries) had lunch at the school every day with the teachers and the staff. We all hung around together, kidded around together. I felt included in that community, and I wasn't different," he said. "I could minister from within, what we call an incarnational ministry."

Incarnational ministry means to serve the people through your common humanity. Because you too are human, you can understand people's suffering and reach out to them with compassion. It is the kind of ministry that Jesus undertook. It is the kind of ministry that often appeals to our Missionaries. At Whiting, Fr. Tom felt the foundation of his vocation settle into place.

But that was not enough for him. He saw what it meant to be responsible for a large parish. "Next, I wanted to become a good administrator," he said. He worked on this skill at several

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Fr. Tom preaches at a school Mass at Immaculate Conception in Celina, Ohio, where he volunteers.

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assignments, including Immaculate Conception in Celina, Ohio, where as pastor he oversaw a major renovation of the historic church and its parish activity center. At IC, he celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination—and came to another revelation.

“When I finished my assignment at Celina, I didn’t want any more administration. I just wanted to be a pastor to the people,” he said. He volunteered to be an associate pastor at the Marion Catholic Community in and around Maria Stein, Ohio. He helped the new pastor, Fr. Gene Schnipke, C.PP.S.

“We were a good team,” he said. “During my time there, pastoral care was my emphasis. And I was happy. But after a while, I realized there was something more: being a shepherd. That means, as Pope Francis says, I walk with the sheep. I was back to my original idea of the priesthood. I operate within the fold. It was a slow education for me.”

Fr. Tom retired from active ministry in 2020. He lives at St. Charles Center, formerly a seminary and now a home for our retired priests and brothers. But he can’t stay still. Earlier this year, he and another retired Missionary, Fr. Andy O’Reilly, C.PP.S., volunteered to help at IC and its sister parishes, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Montezuma, Ohio, and St. Teresa in Rockford, Ohio. “It’s in my blood,” said Fr. Tom. “I have to stay intellectually stimulated, that’s important to me.”

In Fr. Tom’s story, we see that the life of a Missionary is anything but stationary. In our vocation, we must continue to explore our call and seek out new ways to serve the people of God. We encourage our Missionaries to be lifelong learners and to pay attention to God’s voice. We encourage that for everyone.

Our retired priests and brothers continue to serve God’s people—some, like Fr. Tom and Fr. Andy, by volunteering at parishes, others in lives of prayer and in many other ways. In return, we make it a priority as a religious community to care for our aging members. We want to assure them that we will support them as they age, that they will find a true home with their brothers in the Precious Blood at St. Charles, that they will pray and worship together every day, share meals, and receive excellent medical care when they are sick.

They have given so much, and worked their way through their own doubts and pains to say yes to God’s call to serve. Will you help them in their later years? Your contribution will help support our retired priests and brothers, in the same way that they supported God’s people through their years of ministry, which continue until their last breath. Will you consider a gift to help them?

Fr. Tom, who is also an avid outdoorsman, spends time in prayer and contemplation as he continues to explore his vocation. He is writing his memoirs, though he is not sure he will ever have them published. It is enough for him that he is writing his story down. In it, he can see how God had a hand in how his life played out. “As you grow older, you can look back and see how everything fits together in a mosaic,” he said.

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