

BRO. JOE KAMIS APPOINTED ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL-DESIGNATE



On Nov. 10, **Superior General Fr. Manuel Cortés** appointed **Bro. Joseph Kamis** (DeSales Crossings, Cincinnati) assistant provincial-designate of the Province of the United States. Bro. Joe will serve an initial term of five years beginning July 1, 2010. In his appointment letter Fr. Manuel described Bro. Joe as a “man of faith and prayer” with strong leadership, administrative and team-building skills.

“As much as I enjoyed the ministry as superintendent in Catholic education, it will be great working directly with Marianists again on our missionary project,” said Bro. Joe.

“With the increased members in formation and our rededication to the mission through the strategic plan, I have much hope for the future. Mary will indeed continue to guide us in making her Son known, loved and served.”

Over the next seven months, Provincial-Designate **Fr. Marty Solma**, Provincial **Stephen Glodek**, Assistant Provincial **Jim Fitz** and other members of the Provincial Council will consult with Bro. Joe to ensure a smooth transition. “On behalf of the Province community I welcome Joe to these years of service on our behalf and thank him for his generosity,” said Bro. Stephen.

Bro. Joe, 62, was born in Cleveland and attended the Marianists’ Cathedral Latin School. He credits his vocation to two Marianists at the school – **Fr. Dan Winters** and former Marianist **Richard Strathern** – who invited him to a vocation day in Dayton when he was a senior. Bro. Joe took first vows in 1966 at Marcy, N.Y.

During the 1970s, he served his alma mater as a teacher, assistant principal and president/principal. After Cathedral Latin closed in 1979, Bro. Joe was principal/manager at St. Laurence College in Dublin, assistant principal at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland and principal of Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati.

During the 1990s Bro. Joe served in administration for the former Cincinnati Province as assistant provincial, director of education and provincial. In June 2002 he was appointed superintendent of schools and director of the Department of Educational Services for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which has the eighth largest network of Catholic schools in the United States based on enrollment.

“I am excited to be working with Marty and feel humbled by the confidence placed in me by my brothers,” said Bro. Joe.

Our congratulations and prayers for Bro. Joe as he prepares to serve the Province of the United States as assistant provincial.

