

**Ted Ley, SM**  
**50 years of profession**



Rev. Theodore Ley, S.M., who is celebrating 50 years of profession, was born and raised in Los Angeles. He professed first vows with the Society of Mary in August 1959 in Santa Cruz, Calif. He was ordained in January 1971, in Woodland Hills, Calif. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Chaminade University of Honolulu, a master's degree in historical theology and liturgy from Saint Louis University, and a doctor of musical arts in music education from the University of Southern California.

Rev. Ley taught and served as chaplain at schools in Hawai'i and California, including Chaminade Preparatory in West Hills, Calif., and Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco. He also served the school as chair of the Fine Arts department and club moderator.

From 1978 to 1987, he was a professor of music and director of College Liturgy at St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo, Calif. From 1987 to 1996, he directed the youth ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Gardena, Calif., and from 1996 to 2001, he served as associate pastor at Maria Regina Church in Gardena, Calif.

Since 1976, Rev. Ley has directed The Schola Cantorum of the Pacific, which he founded. The Schola is an incorporated religious charitable organization that provides gratis music education to disadvantaged youth and ensembles of classical and contemporary liturgical music to parishes. Members of all ages tour with the group, presenting programs primarily in the Southwest. He also serves as an administrator at St. Ann Parish in Elysian Park, Calif., a position he has held since 2007.