



### **Short Résumé of Fr. Thomas J. Marti, MM**

Father Marti, a native of Seattle, Washington, grew up in St. Edward's Parish. He joined Maryknoll after graduating from O'Dea High School in 1955. He was ordained a Maryknoll priest at the Maryknoll Headquarters in Ossining, New York in June of 1965. For sixteen years he served as a missionary in the Philippines, where he had various assignments and experiences.



For several years he served in rural parishes in the southern Island of Mindanao; he also set up the first *Social Action Center* in the Prelature of Tagum, which served human development purposes including the promotion of literacy education, cooperatives, family life education, and organization of farmers and of teachers. He was instrumental in organizing and served as the first Executive Secretary of the *Mindanao-Sulu Secretariat of Social Action (MISSSA)*, which served some dioceses in the region. During this period he also served as a Board Member of the *National Secretariat of Social Action (NASSA)*, a national organization of the Philippine Bishops to serve the needs of and promote human development. This included the promotion of justice and peace and the defense of human rights. While in the Philippines he also organized the *International Solidarity Network Desk (ISND)*. This served the *Justice and Peace Commission of the Association Major Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSWP)* in the promotion of international solidarity in the face of the repression of the Marcos Dictatorship.

Beginning in 1989 he served for two years as Executive Secretary for the *Justice and Peace Commission of the Unions of Superiors General* in Rome.

Father Marti also organized, and served for six years as Director of, the Maryknoll Society's *Justice and Peace Office* based at Maryknoll,

New York. He served in other capacities as well, including serving as Director for three Maryknoll Mission Promotion Houses, in San Francisco, Chicago and Seattle. He also served for two years as Vocation Director of the Society, as well as Coordinator of the Maryknoll Society's Priest/Brother Associations for five years.

For seven years, from 1999 to 2006, he coordinated a Maryknoll sponsored Pilgrimage/Retreat to Central America, visiting the shrines of the martyrs, for priests, brothers and deacons.

In 2003 he was appointed as Director of the Maryknoll Mission Education and Promotion House in Denver CO where he served for three years. In 2007 he returned to Seattle with residency at St. James Cathedral.

In September of 2010 Fr. Marti was appointed to serve as Director of the Maryknoll Mission House in Seattle for a term of three years, a position he assumed on October 1.

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