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For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections
Index – Laurence Sullivan

Project Name: Marist Heritage Project

Transcript: Yes

Summary: Yes

Photograph(s): Yes

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Name of Interviewee: Laurence Sullivan

Main Topics: The following interview is conducted with Professor emeritus Laurence James Sullivan. Within the interview, Laurence Sullivan speaks of his educational years as well as his transfer from teaching at St. Helena High School and Marist Preparatory to becoming a professor in the theology department at Marist College. Among serving as a co-director for the community of student Brothers and a student counselor, Laurence Sullivan taught courses in Psychology and Religion as well as a course called Marriage in the Family. Laurence Sullivan speaks of his years teaching at Marist and compares the direction of the College under the two Presidents during his term, Linus Foy and Dennis Murray. The interview ends with Laurence Sullivan's hopes as to where Marist College will be in the future.

Others present?: No

Interviewed by: Gus Nolan

Interview Date: 01 July 2002

Location of Interview: Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

Recorder model and type: Marantz PMD 690

Length of interview: 46 minutes, 57 seconds

Number of disks: 1

Recording medium/format: Microdrive

Brand of disks: IBM 1GB Microdrive

Archival copy made: Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

Quality of original recording: Good

Restrictions on interview access or use: None

Transcribed or summarized by: Erin Kelly

Brief summary of interview context and recording contents: This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

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| <u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u> | <u>Summary</u> |
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| 00:00.01 – 00:04.04 | Laurence Sullivan begins his interview by running through his personal history. He describes where he grew up, his siblings and parents, where he went for his early education, when and where he married his wife, and what his son is currently doing for work. |
| 00:04.05 – 00:09.01 | Larry briefly runs through his training to be a Marist Brother and his undergraduate and graduate educations at Marion College, and Catholic University respectively. He runs through his first assignments at St. Helena's, then at the Marist Preparatory School, before finally coming to work at Marist College in 1967. |
| 00:09.02 – 00:19.56 | His first two years at Marist, Larry taught as well as served as co-director for the training of the student Brothers. After those two years he served as a full-time professor at Marist, and he talks about some of the classes he taught over the years, especially Marriage and Family. Larry then moves on to talk about the committees he was involved in at Marist, the counseling work that he did for students, and some awards he's received over the years. |
| 00:19.57 – 00:31.05 | Larry discusses the development of Marist College. He touches on topics such as the development of the core program, and the interaction between faculty before and after the creation of departments and schools. He then moves on to talk about the physical development of the campus and buildings. Finally he talks about the student development. He reminisces about how it has been to work with the students, the addition of female students to the campus, and the work ethic and character of the Marist students. |

00:31.06 – 00:46.58 Larry spends some time comparing the administrations of Linus Foy and Dennis Murray. He talks about his own contributions to the college, what he tried to do, what he feels he succeeded in doing, and why he retired when he did. He reflects on what he hopes Marist's major assets are and that the spirit that founded Marist still exists and will continue far into the future. He ends by reminiscing about the friendships that he's made at Marist over the years, and what it has meant to him.