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**News Release**

## **BROTHER BRIAN HALDERMAN, S.M., PROFESSES PERPETUAL VOWS**

On Oct. 4, 2008, Marianist **Brother Brian Halderman** professed perpetual vows during a Eucharist at **St. Francis de Sales parish** in Cincinnati. **Rev. James Fitz, SM**, presided at the Mass and **Brother Stephen Glodek, SM**, provincial, received the vows.

The celebration was attended by approximately 250 family, friends and members of the Marianist Family. A reception followed at **Purcell Marian High School** in Cincinnati.

“The Marianist way of life brings me great joy and happiness,” Brother Brian said. “I feel blessed to continue this journey with our Marianist Family in fulfilling Mary’s mission of bearing Christ to the world.”

Brother Brian, 31, is from Saint Thomas Parish in Fort Thomas, Ky. He is a 1995 graduate of Newport Central Catholic High School in Newport, Ky. Brother Brian met the Marianists while earning a bachelor’s degree in religious studies with a minor in social work from the University of Dayton. He earned a master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis.

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Prior to joining the Society of Mary, he worked in technology management and religious education for the Diocese of Cleveland.

In 2004 Brother Brian professed first vows with the Society of Mary. From August 2004 to May 2005 he served as a distance learning and web support specialist for the University of Dayton's Institute for Pastoral Initiatives. While attending graduate school, he held internships at the Logos School in St. Louis and the Alliance for Building Capacity at Washington University in St. Louis.

From August 2007 until June 2008, he worked at the *Instituto Chaminade Marianistas* in Callao, Peru. There he counseled at-risk students, wrote grants and supported pastoral services, among other responsibilities.

Brian is a member of the Casa Maria Marianist community in San Antonio. He serves in university ministry at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where he focuses on social justice programming and the promotion of Catholic Social Teaching.

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*The Society of Mary (Marianists) is an international Catholic religious order of priests and brothers, with more than 600 serving in the Province of the United States, which includes Eastern Africa, India, Mexico and the Philippines. In the United States, the Marianists sponsor three universities (University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, St. Mary's University in San Antonio and Chaminade University of Honolulu) as well as 18 high schools, eight parishes and several retreat centers. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade founded the Society of Mary in France in 1817. The order has had a presence in the United States since 1849, when the Marianists came to Cincinnati.*

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