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History 650

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Questions from Dr. Michael Kerlin's Interview

1. Do I have your permission to record?
2. What is your full name?
3. Why did your parents give you that name?
4. When and where were you born?
5. How did your family come to live in Philadelphia?
6. What was the house like?
7. What was your favorite thing to do for fun as a kid?
8. Did you receive an allowance?
9. What were your best and worst subjects in school?
10. Where did you attend high school?
11. Did you have any childhood heroes growing up?
12. What world events had the most impact on you and your family while you were growing up?
13. How did you become interested in the Christian Brothers?
14. When did you join the Christian Brothers?
15. What was your Christian Brother name?
16. So it was after your stay at La Salle Hall?
17. And did you go by that name?
18. Is there a hierarchical structure beyond being a novitiate and apostolate?
19. So coming out of La Salle hall did you have choice of what catholic institution to go to or were you sort of hot wired into La Salle?
20. What was your degree at La Salle?
21. What degree were you hot wired into... a particular degree did it have to be an education degree?
22. And you mentioned that you also got your masters degree?
23. And you masters degree was in Religion?
24. Is that where your interest in Philosophy came from?
25. Describe your daily route as a student at La Salle?
26. Were there any situations of the buses not being able to run?
27. Where you responsible for finding your way to La Salle?
28. The retreat at ocean city was...
29. Where did you pursue your PHD?
30. Is that also a Christian Brothers school?
31. Now you said you found out that you were going there was it not your choice or were you hot wired into there again?
32. What languages do you speak?

33. How did school differ in Europe?
34. Did you have less structure in you day than as a Christian Brother? I mean in Rome where you living in a Christian Brother Community in Rome?
35. What was your dissertation on?
36. What first interested you in those two?
37. Did you come directly to teach at La Salle
38. What was it like coming back as a teacher?
39. Why did you leave the Brotherhood?
40. How did you meet your wife
41. What is your wife's name?
42. How many children do you have?
43. How did you go about leaving the Brotherhood?
44. Was there any resentment from the faculty members?
45. You mentioned that you were among the first brothers to have contracts? Did brothers before that because of they vow of poverty not get paid or how'd that work?
46. What was the state of the philosophy department when you first started?
47. So with fewer professors you have less philosophy classes so what got cut out?
48. How have the students changed?
49. Does the honor's program help with sort of that cross disciplinary structure in your class?
50. Does La Salle being a Catholic institution affect its Philosophy department?
51. When universities started in the middle ages they were largely autonomous institutions from the Catholic Church do you find that is an issue now?
52. Did you have any high or low points as a teacher?
53. What is the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award?
54. Who awards it, students?
55. Who is Azarias of the Cross?
56. You wrote an article on "Discovering the Philosopher Who Became Pope John Paul II. Why did this interest you?
57. Do you think the Brotherhood will survive at La Salle?
58. Did you have McGinniss as a student?
59. You were describing the Catholic modernist crisis of the turn of the century is there still a modern crisis in the Catholic Church... is it a different modern crisis?
60. Do you feel that the treatment has in any way affected your memory or the answers to these questions?
61. Is there any thing else that you would like to talk about?