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## FR. THEODORE KOEHLER, S.M.

### SECRETARY EMERITUS

Father Theodore A. Koehler has enriched the Mariological Society of America with his patient presence since coming to the United States from his native France in 1969. Appointed curator of The Marian Library at the University of Dayton, he promoted *Marian Library Studies* (New Series), a scholarly journal of original research of which he became editor. In 1975, he founded the International Marian Research Institute, affiliated with the Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum (Rome). In 1979, when Father Juniper B. Carol, who so recently was called to his eternal reward, gave up the office of secretary of the Society, Father Koehler generously took on this task, somehow making room for these endless and tedious responsibilities, including being editor of *Marian Studies*, without in any way neglecting the scholarly research and writing that years before had earned him international recognition—in France, Italy, and other countries.

We salute this faithful Marianist priest and religious, this committed follower of Venerable William Joseph Chaminate, this brilliant scholar, this gentlemen of gentle Gallic wit, now as Secretary Emeritus. With every best wish we say to him not just *ad multos annos*, but *ad permultos annos*.

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