

Brother Peter Scolaro

Personal Data *birth: 5/7/47; baptism: 5/19/63*

Ordinations *elder: 5/27/79; evangelist: 11/5/89; apostle: 10/12/97*

Leadership *Michigan/Ontario District President; Americas Missionary Operating Committee (AMOC) Chairman; MOC Vice-Chairman*

From early in his youth, it was obvious that Brother Peter's life would be in The Church of Jesus Christ. In a spirit-filled Sunday morning service at the GMBA Conference in Youngstown, Ohio on May 19, 1963, he was among the first to ask for his baptism. A total of 13 young people obeyed the Gospel that day where the blessings of God were so profound that they are still remembered by the many who were there. Sober and intensely serious about serving The Lord even at this young age, he could be pictured as being a pillar later in life. His meticulousness in analyzing matters, particularly as they pertain to the scriptures and The Church of Jesus Christ, is well-known.

Mentored by Leaders in the Church

Brother Peter, reflecting on his youth in the Church, had this to say:

Perhaps because I understood that whosoever will may come, I just took for granted the opportunity to come into and grow in the Church. From the time I was a small boy, I have always been excited about the workings of the Church. I grew up close to Brothers whose lives were dedicated to serving the Lord and His Church. I loved to go places with my father, an elder in the Church, and often had the opportunity to sit quietly while Brothers discussed challenges, successes, and opportunities as the Church encountered them. These discussions made indelible impressions on me. As I grew up, contemplating the success of the Lord's Church became integral with my thought processes. I thought it only reasonable to grow spiritually and naturally within the context of the Church over time. . . .

Some experiences of his calling into the Quorum of Twelve have been directive and uplifting to him. Late Apostle Gorie Ciaravino received a dream shortly after Brother Peter was ordained into the Ministry in which he saw the Church on a long journey, by way of what appeared to be a convoy, and Brother Peter was a leader along the way. In another dream Apostle Nicholas Pietrangelo was sitting next to him at a table as they handled an important, sensitive matter. He, himself, received other experiences prior to his calling, which further prepared him for the office, such as a dream he had in which Brother Gorie pointed to General Church Minutes that were in his hand and said, "See right here: Brother Peter Scolaro has been called and ordained an apostle."

Laboring in his Detroit, Michigan Branch #1, the Michigan-Ontario District (now Great Lakes Region), the General Church, and the MBA, he has been able to put the talents the Lord has given him to great use. More recently, he served as the Chairman of the Americas Missionary Operating Committee (AMOC) and Vice Chairman of the Missionary Operating Committee (MOC) under the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists, which has oversight of all the missionary work in the Church. He also helped to provide the valuable leadership during the difficult transition period from the previous General Mission Board to the newly restructured MOC.

Brother Peter is a graduate of Wayne State University. He also served in the United States Army from

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1970-1972 in Berlin, Germany. He and his wife, Sister Marilyn, have two children, Brother Chris and Sister Julie (Gibson).

After being ordained an apostle at the General Church Conference on October 12, 1997, along with Brother Isaac D. Smith, Brother Scolaro stated that he knew the responsibilities he was undertaking challenged his humanity and frailty in comparison to the possibilities of the Lord's expectations and invited the prayers of the saints on his behalf in the performance of his duties.