



FATHER MICHAEL CHIURI

Fr. Mike Chiuri, 47, was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, where he earned his bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in 1997, and worked as a consultant for the African Economic Research Consortium. After earning a master's degree in business administration from the California State University, he taught at Vista Del Mar School in Culver City, California, before returning to management in the corporate sector. While working on a change of immigration visa, Mike lived in Winnipeg, Canada, where he was a member of the prison ministry team at St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba. Under the guidance of the SM community in Winnipeg, he also was actively involved with Lay Marianist groups.

Bro. Mike entered the novitiate in Dayton in 2010. As a second-year novice, he was a member of the Marianist community in Eldersburg, Maryland, and served in campus ministry at Mother Seton Academy in Baltimore. Mike professed first vows in June 2012.

Bro. Mike resided at the Eldersburg Marianist Community in Maryland until the summer of 2016 teaching technology classes and assisting in campus ministry at Mother Seton Academy while also taking philosophy classes at Loyola of Maryland University. In addition, he assisted in the lector/acolyte ministry at St. Joseph's Catholic Community – the Marianist Parish in Eldersburg.

In the summer of 2016, Bro. Mike was assigned to the Lalanne Marianist Community in Los Angeles to complete his philosophical studies in preparation for seminary studies in Rome. He professed perpetual vows in Saint Louis on September 24, 2016 and on completion of philosophical studies was assigned to the Marianist Seminary Community in Rome arriving in June 2017. On January 11, 2020 in preparation for presbyteral ordination, Bro. Mike was ordained to the transitional diaconate by His Eminence Luis Francisco Cardinal Ladaria Ferrer, S.J. at the Marianist Generalate in Rome. Bro. Mike completed his Bachelor of Sacred Theology/S.T.B degree at the Pontifical University of San Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in June 2020.

Bro. Mike was ordained during Mass at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in St. Louis on August 22, 2020. Fr. Michael's first priestly assignment is in parish ministry at Our Lady of the Pillar in St. Louis along with sacramental ministry at Marianist-sponsored ministries in St. Louis.