



## FATHER BRANDON PALUCH

**Fr. Brandon Paluch**, 37, was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and raised in suburban Chicago. After earning his bachelor's degree in religious studies and history at the University of Dayton in 2006, he served in Loyola Marymount University's PLACE Corps through which he earned a master's degree in education, and taught middle school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey, California. During these years, he also lived and worked at the Los Angeles Catholic Worker. As an aspirant, Brandon lived in the DeSales Crossings community in Cincinnati, ministering with the Marianist Urban Students Program (MUSP) and campus ministry at Purcell Marian High School.

Brandon entered the novitiate in Dayton in 2010. During the second year of his novitiate, he was a member of the Hale Malia community in Honolulu and served in campus ministry at Saint Louis School. Brandon professed first vows in June 2012.

From 2012 until 2016, Brandon lived in the Stonemill-Kiefaber community in Dayton, Ohio. During the 2012-2013 academic year, he served as the Marianist intern in the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community at the University of Dayton, under the supervision of Bro. Ray Fitz, SM. From 2013 until 2016, Brandon served as the coordinator of community outreach in the campus ministry's Center for Social Concern at the University of Dayton.

He completed his philosophical studies in Los Angeles while living at the Lalanne Community. During his three years at *Seminario Chaminade* in Rome, earned his theological studies degree at the Pontifical Gregorian University and served with the Community of Sant'Egidio.

Fr. Brandon was ordained during Mass at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in St. Louis on August 22, 2020. His first priestly assignment is in parish ministry at Holy Rosary Parish in San Antonio, along with sacramental ministry at Marianist-sponsored ministries in San Antonio.