



FATHER THOMAS FRENCH

Celebrating 25 years of ordination

Thomas Joseph French was ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 1997, at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, Maryland.

His discernment began as a student at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was taught by the Marianist brothers and priests. His vocation began to strengthen during his studies at Mount Saint Mary's College and Loyola University. His vocation formalized as a Marianist brother during which time he dedicated his life to the education of children.

Serving as a Marianist brother for several years, he was called to the priesthood in the 1990s. Seminary life took him to St. Michael's University in Toronto, Canada, and the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California.

After ordination, Fr. Tom returned to his home in Carroll County in Maryland, where he ministered as a newly ordained priest along with Fr. Patrick Tonry, at Saint Joseph Catholic Community.

Fr. Tom continued his ministry as a priest and teacher and later became President of Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, California. Answering the call to service, Fr. Tom continued his ministry at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish, in St. Louis, where he now serves as pastor.

Today, as pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar, Fr. Tom is both shepherd to the people entrusted to him and one who mediates between God and the people —bringing them closer to their Creator God. As each day dawns, the life of Fr. Tom and all professed and ordained, face new and unique challenges and joys in service to Christ!