



## Father John Thompson

### *Celebrating 25 years Ordination*

It has been a joy to serve the Church and the Society of Mary as a priest these past 25 years. Celebrating the sacraments, preaching, accompanying youth and young adults on their faith journey, and being with people in their most joyous times and in their most vulnerable times have been a gift to my life. Serving as a Marianist priest in schools, parishes, positions of leadership and in the missions allowed me to share the gift of our Marianist Charism in various cultures and different languages.

I was born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in Brentwood, NY, attending St. Anne's Elementary and Brentwood High School. I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Binghamton University (1984), a certificate in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame (1996), a Master of Divinity degree from Franciscan School of Theology (1999), and a doctoral degree in educational leadership at University of San Francisco (2011). I was ordained in Sykesville, Maryland, on Oct. 16, 1999.

My service with the Marianists began as a director of campus ministry and high school theology teacher at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory in Hollywood, Florida, from 1992 through 1996 and as chaplain and president of the school from 2000 through 2008. I then served as an assistant professor at Chaminade University in Honolulu from 2011 to 2014. In 2015, I left the U.S. to serve as provincial councilor and sector coordinator for the Marianist Sector of Mexico in Queretaro, Mexico. In 2017, I was named pastor of Holy Rosary Church in San Antonio until 2021, when I was appointed to my current role as Vice President for Mission at St. Mary's University.

Priesthood paved a way for me to encounter the universality of the Church and the internationality of the Marianist Family. I am proud to serve the Church in solidarity with our Marianist Brothers and Priests, Marianist Sisters, and Marianist Lay Communities. These past 25 years have been a blessing, and I look forward to the next 25 years.