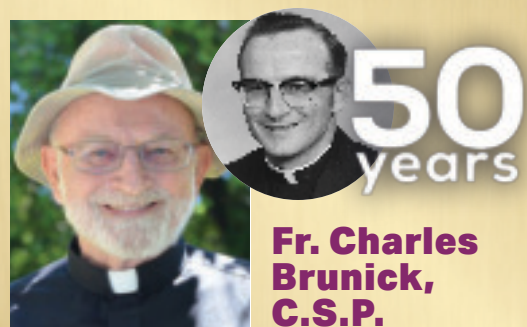


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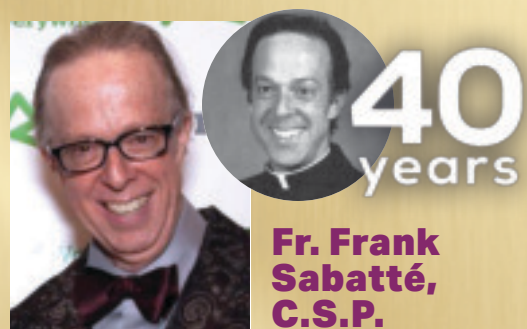
**Ordained:** May 11, 1960  
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**Serving:** Senior Ministry, St. Paul the Apostle, LA



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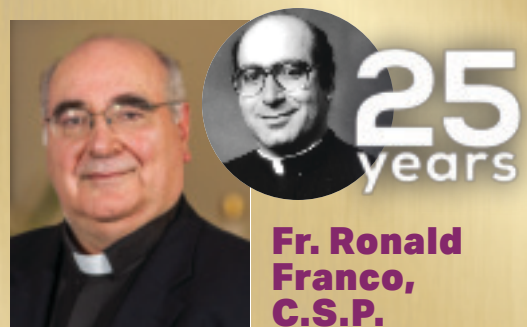
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**Serving:** Senior Ministry, Cathedral of St. Andrew



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**Fr. Frank Sabatté, C.S.P.**

**Ordained:** May 17, 1980  
**Native Place:** San Jose, CA  
**Lives Today:** New York, NY  
**Serving:** Director, Openings Artists' Collective

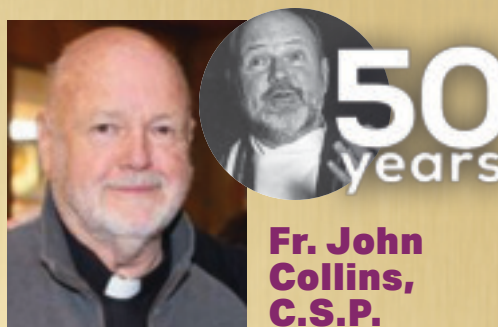


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**Fr. Ronald Franco, C.S.P.**

**Ordained:** October 28, 1995  
**Native Place:** New York, NY  
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**Serving:** Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church

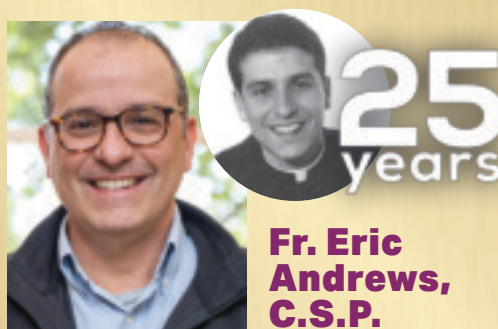
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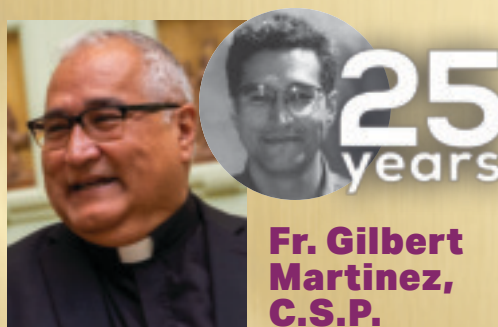
**Ordained:** March 7, 1970  
**Native Place:** New York, NY  
**Lives Today:** New York, NY  
**Serving:** Missionary, Parish Missions & Retreats



25  
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**Fr. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.**

**Ordained:** May 13, 1995  
**Native Place:** Pleasant Valley, NY  
**Lives Today:** New York, NY  
**Serving:** President, The Paulist Fathers



25  
years

**Fr. Gilbert Martinez, C.S.P.**

**Ordained:** May 13, 1995  
**Native Place:** El Paso, TX  
**Lives Today:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Serving:** Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle, LA

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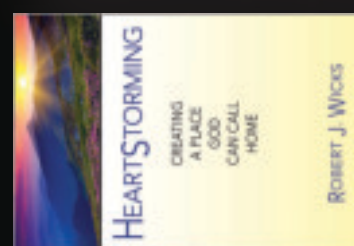


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## EASTER HOPE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### Uncertainty and anxiety are never welcome guests.

But, as Catholic Christians, we recognize they are part of the journey. The Scriptures, the lives of the saints, and our own lives are full of examples of women and men who lived with uncertainty and anxiety for part of their story, while trusting that God would lead them through their adversity to new life.

The past two months have been a time of great uncertainty and anxiety due to COVID-19. Concern over the virus shaped our observations of Lent, the Sacred Triduum and Easter in ways we never expected. Scriptures that we have heard every Holy Week suddenly gained deeper meaning.

### The virus has dominated our prayers, including these intentions:

- Loving God, we pray for the more than 150,000 women, men and children around the world who have died from the virus. We pray that they are now in God's warm embrace.
- We pray for those in mourning for loved ones.
- We pray for those who are sick and in pain.
- We pray for those who are quarantined, lonely, anxious or afraid.
- We pray for the doctors, nurses, hospital workers, all healthcare workers and care-givers.
- We pray for the essential workers who keep things going: grocery store clerks, pharmacy workers, postal employees, delivery persons, transit operators, sanitary employees and others.
- We pray for the scientists who are seeking to find treatments and a vaccine for the virus.
- We pray for the civil leaders striving for the best way to lead us through this crisis.
- We pray for those who face economic anxiety due to the virus, especially those who may have lost much-needed pay or even lost jobs.

### The uncertainty and anxiety of the past two months also shaped our pastoral response to the virus.

Like all of society, we took necessary steps to help limit the spread of the virus. Public Masses were cancelled at the parishes, campus ministry centers and downtown centers that we serve.

But our parishes and centers then sprang into action to find new ways to connect with the people we serve, especially the aged and alone. At the Paulist Center in Boston, creative approaches were employed so they



could continue their outreach to the poor and hungry. In Washington, D.C., the Paulist seminarians launched a spiritual reflection video series called "Homebound."

Most especially, in the place of public Masses, we have been providing live broadcasts of private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. While less than ideal, these broadcasts keep us connected to so many of you. They provide us an opportunity to share the Word of God and to pray for a Spiritual Communion.

Please visit [paulist.org/WatchMass](http://paulist.org/WatchMass) to see a frequently updated list of our online Masses. We hope you will pray with us in this way.

One of the reasons I am writing to you today is to ask if you would consider making a financial contribution to allow us to continue and improve these broadcasts.

We also are raising funds now to "bridge the gap" due to:

- Significant loss of income from cancelled Lenten parish missions presented by Paulist missionaries
- Significant loss of funds from unavoidable reduction or elimination of Paulist priest salaries in various cities deeply impacted by COVID-19
- Unexpected staffing, maintenance and food service expenses in Paulist rectories to protect elderly and at-risk Paulist Fathers from the virus

To make a contribution, please use the enclosed reply envelope or visit our special fundraising page: [paulist.org/BridgeTheGap](http://paulist.org/BridgeTheGap)

Thank you for your consideration and generosity to this request.

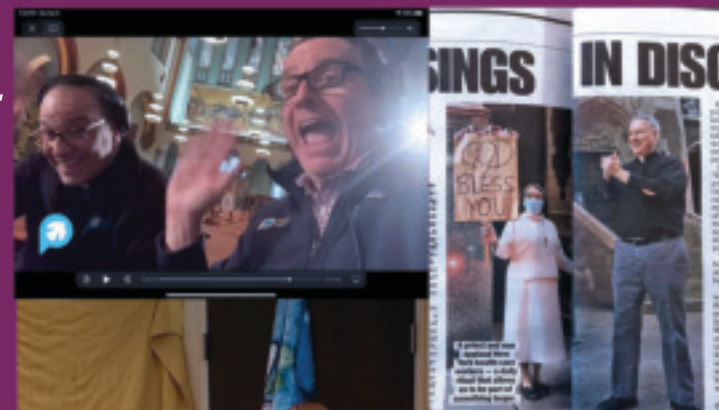
You and your loved ones are in our daily prayers. We pray that you may stay safe and healthy. Please pray for us, too.

These days of uncertainty and anxiety will not last forever. This Easter season we celebrate the Risen Lord, who has come to save us, reminding us that **God has not finished writing our story.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Eric*

**Fr. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.**  
President,  
The Paulist Fathers



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in this time  
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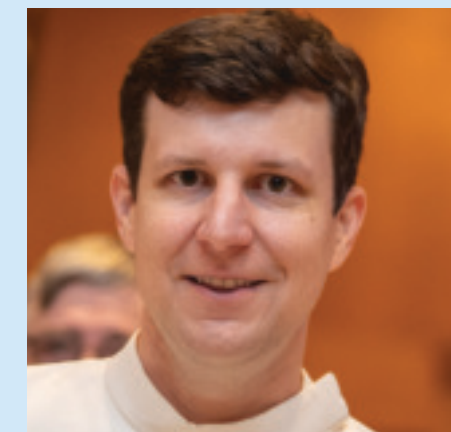
Help us "bridge the gap" in this time:  
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## Ordination Mass Postponed

Please keep **Paulist Deacon Paolo Puccini** in your prayers in the coming month.

Deacon Paolo was on the track to be ordained a priest on May 16 during a Mass at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City. In the wake of the coronavirus, the ordination Mass has been postponed.

We hope to announce a new date and location soon.



## Homebound

Homebound is a new video series from the Paulist seminarians.

The series features reflections, spoken word and poetry that address the feelings of isolation caused by COVID-19.

Watch the videos at the Paulist YouTube channel or at:

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