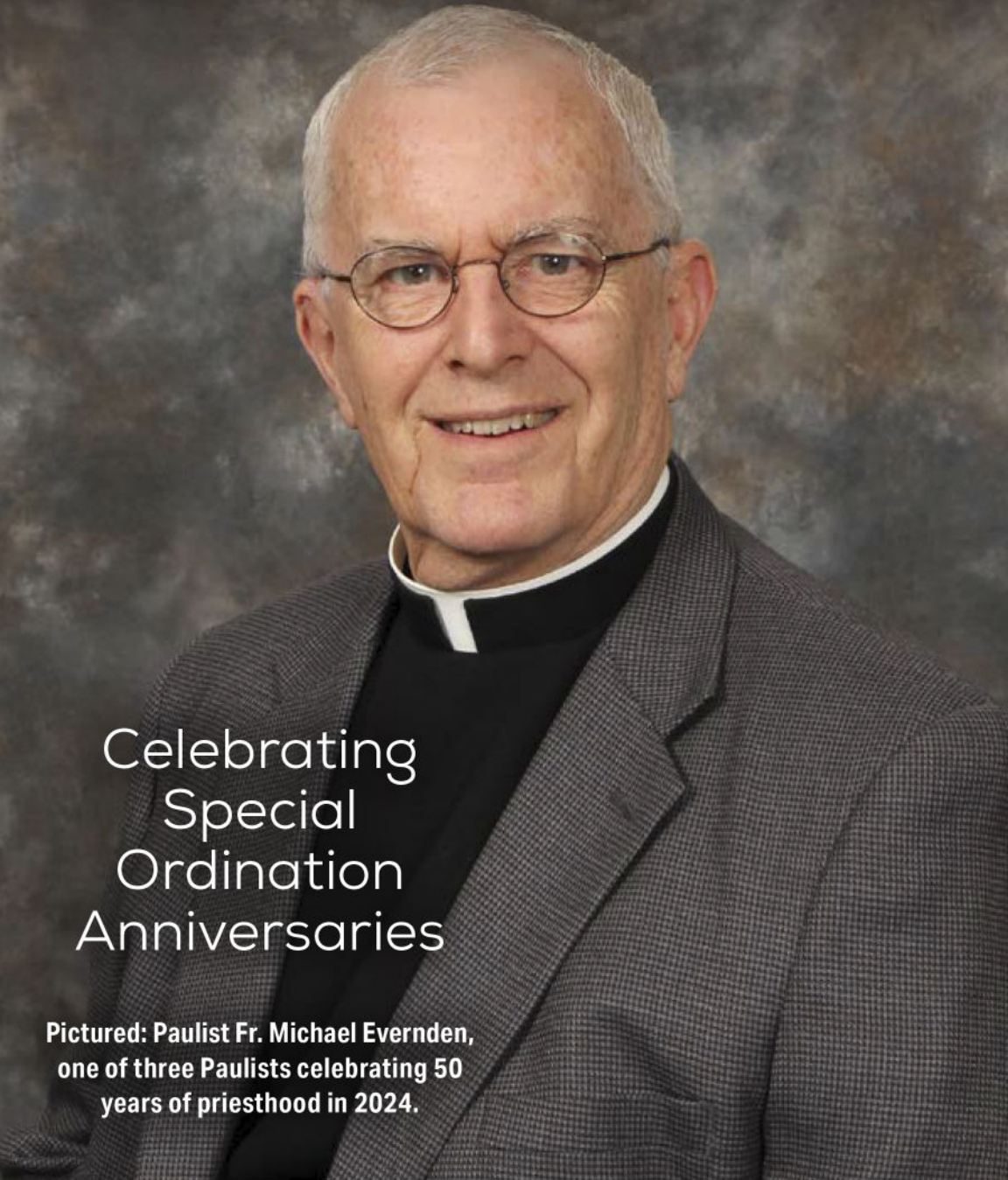


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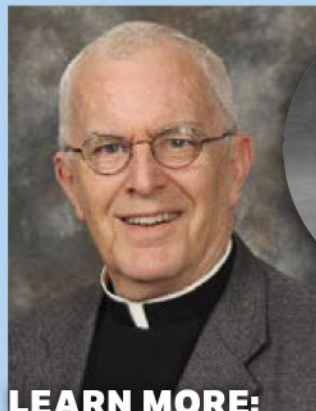


Celebrating
Special
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Anniversaries

**Pictured: Paulist Fr. Michael Evernden,
one of three Paulists celebrating 50
years of priesthood in 2024.**

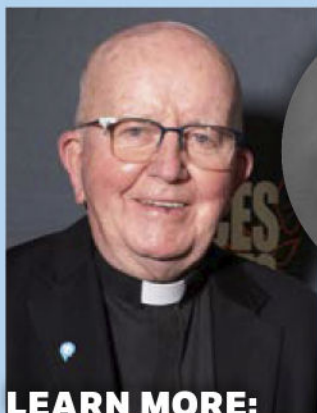
Congratulations to these Paulist Fathers Celebrating Special Ordination Anniversaries:

Fr. Michael Eve



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Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.



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Ordained: May 11, 1964
Native Place: Boston, MA
Lives Today: Paulist Center, Boston
Serving: Senior Ministry & Host of the "Psalm Sense" video series

Fr. Robert O'D



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Pictured: Paulist Fr. John Geaney gives first priestly blessings to members of his family



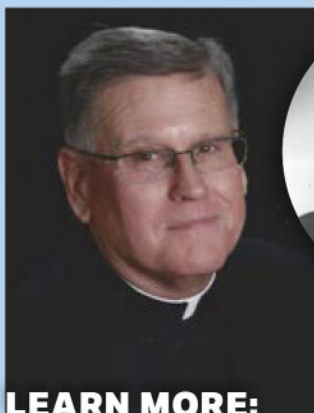
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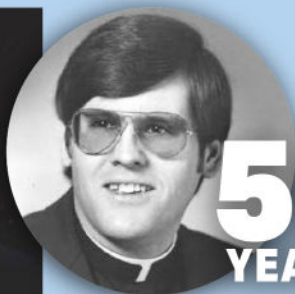
50
YEARS

Ordained: May 4, 1974
Native Place: Los Angeles
Lives Today: San Francisco
Serving: Senior Ministry,
Old St. Mary's Cathedral

Fr. Patrick Johnson, C.S.P.



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50
YEARS

Ordained: May 4, 1974
Native Place: Walla Walla, WA
Lives Today: Chicago
Serving: Senior Ministry,
Old St. Mary's Church

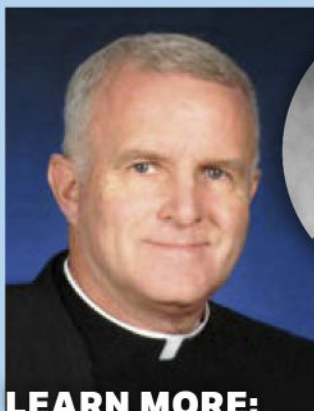
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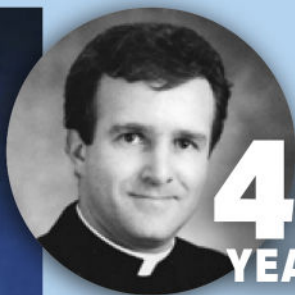
50
YEARS

Ordained: May 4, 1974
Native Place: Brooklyn, NY
Lives Today: Knoxville, TN
Serving: Senior Ministry,
St. John XXIII University
Parish

Fr. Robert Cary, C.S.P.



LEARN MORE:
paulist.org/FrCary



40
YEARS

Ordained: May 19, 1984
Native Place: Grand Rapids, MI
Lives Today: Los Angeles
Serving: Coordinator for
Paulist Senior Ministers

after his Ordination Mass on May 11, 1964.



The
**Spirit of
Hecker**
Awards

Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charitable Community



Annual Paulist Appeal: Participation is Growing!

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Annual Paulist Appeal! We have been blessed by your immense generosity. This year, we have focused on increasing the number of participating households. Here is a year-to-year comparison:

	2023	2024
Total participating households:	1160	1481

TOTAL PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS AT:

Cathedral of Saint Andrew Grand Rapids, MI	195	23%
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church San Diego, CA	192	5.4%
St. Austin Catholic Church Austin, TX	159	12%
Church of St. Paul the Apostle New York, NY	153	13.4%
Old St. Mary's Church Chicago, IL	99	7.2%
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community LA, CA	82	7%
Immaculate Conception Church Knoxville, TN	81	19.4%
St. Paul the Apostle Church Horseshoe Bay, TX	78	16.6%
Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish UC Berkeley, CA	69	5.2%
Paulist Center Boston, MA	67	5.3%
St. John XXIII University Parish Knoxville, TN	31	13.3%

Note: The participation numbers above do not represent cash gifts provided without a donor name in collection baskets.

Our 2024 participation is still growing, of course!
To make a gift, please visit: paulist.org/apa

The Paulist Fathers' 4th Spirit of Hecker Awards

will be broadcast on Facebook and YouTube on
Saturday evening, April 27, 2024.

The program will honor exemplary leaders and volunteers from the parishes, centers, and ministries we serve — in the spirit of our founder, Servant of God Isaac Hecker.

The theme of this year's program is
"Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charism and Community."

The broadcast will be at 8:30 p.m. Eastern, 7:30 p.m. Central, 6:30 p.m. Mountain, and 5:30 p.m. Pacific.

Links and updates will be shared at: paulist.org/HeckerAwards

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. RENÉ



Dear Friends,

I pray that you and your loved ones are renewed by hope in the risen Christ during this blessed season of Easter!

Thank you to all of you who prayed for me and my brother Paulists throughout Lent 2024. We certainly felt your prayerful support.

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As many of you know, during Lent, we discerned some difficult upcoming ministerial changes due to a projected decline in the number of Paulists that will be available for active ministry in the coming decades.

These included returning pastoral care of Newman Hall — Holy Spirit Parish in Berkeley, CA, to the Diocese of Oakland at the end of this academic year. Paulists have served as campus ministers at Berkeley since 1907.

Also this year, we will depart from the campus ministry at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and complete the work of three of our longtime national offices: Paulist Evangelization Ministries, Landings International, and the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

To learn more about these changes, please visit: paulist.org/changes.

Even though we are missionaries, departures and endings like these are painful – for us Paulists and for our parishioners and partners in mission. Yet we remain confident that the Holy Spirit is at work in all of this and that these changes will lead us to new ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We pray that the relationships we have built with our parishioners and friends at Berkeley, RPI, and through our national offices will remain strong in the years to come.

Finally, a request: Please join me in doubling your prayers for those who are discerning vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and missionary life. We must not be shy about asking God to send more workers into God's vineyard!

And if you know someone who you think might be a good candidate for the priesthood or religious life, please ask them, "Have you ever thought about becoming a priest?" or "Have you ever thought about becoming a sister?" And if the young man has a missionary zeal to proclaim the Good News while meeting people where they are, don't hesitate to invite them to consider the mission of the Paulist Fathers. Planting seeds like that can make all the difference.

Thank you for all the ways you support us! Come, Holy Spirit!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father René." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Very Rev. René Constanza, C.S.P.
President, The Paulist Fathers



To make a contribution, please use the enclosed envelope or visit: paulist.org/apa



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Ordination Mass

God-willing, **Paulist Deacon Chris Lawton** and **Paulist Deacon Dan Macalinao** will be ordained priests on Saturday, May 18, 2024, during a 10 a.m. Mass at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City. St. Paul's is located in Manhattan on Columbus Avenue (9th Avenue) at West 60th Street.

The public is invited to attend this special liturgy in-person or join us online on Facebook or YouTube. For more details, please visit: paulist.org/Ordination

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Pictured: Paulists gathered on March 9 at Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, TN, to celebrate 50 years of Paulist ministry in that city. At center is the church's cantor, Amanda Peavyhouse, one of this year's recipients of the Spirit of Hecker Award. Please look inside this issue of The Voice for details on the Spirit of Hecker Awards broadcast.

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