

Rev. Patrick O'Brien, CSSR

Birthplace: Great Falls, Montana

Ordination: July 2, 1964, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Present ministry: Director, Holy Redeemer Center, Oakland

Past service: Assistant director of students, Holy Redeemer Seminary, Oakland. Professor of Moral Theology, Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary, Esopus, New York. Director: Marriage Encounter, Oakland; Redemptorist Retreat Center, Tucson, Arizona; Foreign Mission Office, Glenview, Illinois. Province Treasurer Redemptorists, San Francisco. Provincial Superior Redemptorists, San Francisco.



My 50 years of priesthood have been very enjoyable, enriching, fulfilling — and non-typical of most priests. I have never been a pastor of a parish, or assigned full time to parochial work. Much of my priestly service to the Church was in education and administration, but not in isolation from the laity. In addition to help-out work in parishes, I have worked closely with people in non-parochial settings of faith formation and sharing, especially in renewal groups such as Marriage Encounter, Retorno, Cursillo, etc.

I have also been fortunate to see the Church in a broad way, with the opportunity to visit and experience faith in many countries. Preaching and bringing the richness of the Church's sacramental life to so many people over the years has made my life very fulfilling.