

Father William Dinga, Jr. (Fr. "Bill" or "Fr. Dinga") – I was born in Upstate New York , was **ordained for the Richmond, VA Diocese in 1975**, having earned a **Master of Arts Degree with a Concentration in Moral Theology** from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD that same year. After serving in a number of parochial and chaplaincy settings I moved to Maine in 2002 with a medical retirement. In 2006 Fr. Steve Concannon, Pastor of St. Charles Parish, Brunswick asked me if I would be interested in celebrating a weekend Mass at **St. Ambrose Church, in Richmond ME**. I thought to myself: "Hmmm – *from a Richmond, to a Richmond – must be the right fit!* So I said "sure." I started my fifth year there this January: wonderful people, the "country sheep," in Richmond ME.



My interests include: keeping updated, reading spiritual classics as well as church documents. I have read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* several times. I revisit "The Documents of Vatican II" on occasion. I have read the lives of many saints. I have read many apostolic exhortations of Blessed Pope John Paul II, including *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life), *Dominum et vivificantem* (The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church and the World), *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church draws her life from the Eucharist), *Pastores Dabo Vobis, The Priest and the Third Millennium, Faith and Reason*, and his monumental work: *The Theology of the Body*. I have read many of Pope Benedict XVI's books and his two encyclicals, including now his books on "Jesus." My favorite spiritual writer currently is **Blessed Abbot Columba Marmion OSB**, who is considered the "**Doctor of Divine Adoption**" – he has written five works, all of which I have read (or am in the process of reading): *Christ the Life of the Soul, Christ in His Mysteries, Christ the Ideal of the Monk, Christ the Ideal of the Priest*, and *Union With God*. The books are highly understandable and readable and would deeply impact anyone who reads them.

I am an organist and keyboardist of 50 years, a composer of well over 600 pieces of liturgical, sacred and other kinds of music. I have produced my own cd's for years. I am an avid photographer, especially of landscapes, architecture and sacred spaces. I have produced many Photodex Video Presentations using my still digital images. I have just updated myself with the addition of a **HD Video Recorder**, and look forward to integrating this aspect into my video productions for parish use.

I am also a "**Harry Potter**" and "**Chronicles of Narnia**" fan – and love a good ol' fashioned musical, and serious drama! So many of the movies of today are not my "cup of tea!" I just became an "**American Idol Fan**" the second part of this season! Very impressive young people on the horizon! My favorite food is spaghetti! And I have a **Maine Coon Cat named: "Poppy"** and she is just plain hysterical! I used to play a lot of golf when I was younger – there are pro golfers on both sides of my family; and I played just a bit of tennis at one time! I was an **Atlanta Braves baseball fan** when I lived in VA, but of course, now "**Go Red Sox!**"

So, in 2009, my one little assignment of one Mass a week at St. Ambrose, Richmond, ME – flowered into a **regular weekly “circuit ride” through 4-5 worship sites in the new *All Saints Parish***. It is still just one Mass on five days a week – and this is what I would like to keep it, being retired and all! <grin> I thank Fr. Murray, the Pastor and Fr. Norm and Fr. Morse his Vicars for allowing me to serve this fledgling new parish with them. Pray for me, pray for us, that we may be able to serve you with our whole hearts and energies.

In conclusion: **I have 2 blogs, am on Facebook, and I have a YouTube Channel** – my **DAILY HOMILY is found on the main blog**, along with many other of **my own writings** inspired by all the reading that I have done these past several years, **the second blog is dedicated to online discussion of the works of Blessed Abbot Marmion**. Have a look: stay tuned in: and you never know when I will be snapping a photo or two **for the glory of God and the good of *All Saints Parish!***

MY BLOG <http://fatherbill1975.blogspot.com>

FACEBOOK <http://www.facebook.com/fatherbill>

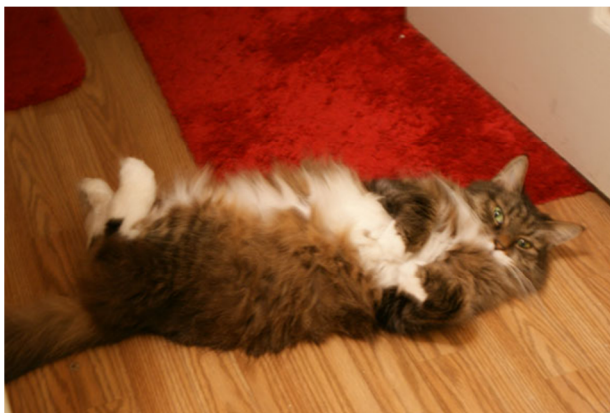
YOUTUBE CHANNEL <http://www.youtube.com/user/Fatherbill2011>

MARMION BLOG <http://marmiondda.blogspot.com>

So long as we all ***keep our eye on the ball*** (*symbolically: golf, tennis, foot or base...*), we will all end up where we would want to be one day, **in heaven: (the most important “real ball,” of course being the Catholic Church – as it is!)**

God bless you!

Father Bill



This is “Poppy” [Need I say more...]