

ARCHDIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILARIANS FOR 2019



Rev. Porfirio R. Alvarez

Born in Lompoc, Calif. on September 15, 1938, Fr. Porfirio Alvarez was ordained a priest November 22, 1969 in Tijuana, Mexico. His first assignment in the Los Angeles Archdiocese came in 1986 as Associate Pastor at St. Matthias in Huntington Park. This was followed by assignments as Associate Pastor at St. Anthony, Long Beach; St. Pius X, Santa Fe Springs; Our Lady of Guadalupe (Hammel), L.A.; and at St. Anthony, Oxnard before retiring in 2013 and where he continues to reside.



Rev. James H. Barnes

A Long Beach, Calif. Native, Fr. James Barnes was born on August 23, 1943. He was a member of the 1969 class at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo and ordained a priest on April 26. His assignments as Associate Pastor were at St. Jerome, L.A.; Holy Family, Artesia; Incarnation, Glendale; and Corpus Christi, Pacific Palisades. He served for a year as Pastor of St. Agatha, L.A., before being assigned as Pastor at St. Joan of Arc, L.A. in 1996. He served two terms on the Archdiocesan Council of Priests and was concurrently named Administrator at St. Sebastian, L.A. In 2014, he retired as Pastor Emeritus of St. Joan of Arc, where he has served for 18 years. He now lives privately.



Rev. Patrick Comerford

Fr. Patrick Comerford was born December 17, 1942 in Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Ireland and ordained a priest June 15, 1969 at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland. He first served as Associate Pastor at St. Charles Borromeo, North Hollywood and then as Defender of the Bond at the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal. He was Assistant Principal at Santa Clara High School in Oxnard, taught at Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, was Principal at St. Matthias High School in Downey and at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance. He returned to parish life as Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart, Altadena; St. Raymond, Downey; St. Camillus, L.A.; and Administrator at St. Philip Neri, Lynwood. He continues to serve as Chaplain at St. John Health Center in Santa Monica.



Rev. Roque A.D. Fernandes

Born on May 23, 1939 in Goa, India, Fr. Roque Fernandes was ordained a priest from Kristu Jyoti College in Bangalore, India on December 19, 1969. He first arrived in the Los Angeles Archdiocese as a substitute priest at St. Finbar, Burbank. He then served at St. Ambrose, West Hollywood and at St. Louise de Marillac in Covina. He served as an Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity, San Pedro before being named Associate Pastor at St. Frances of Rome, Azusa. He retired July 1, 2009 and remains a resident at St. Frances of Rome.



Msgr. Helmut A. Hefner

Msgr. Helmut Hefner was born October 21, 1943 in Franztal, Yugoslavia. He was a member of the class of 1969 at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo and ordained a priest April 26, 1969. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Bernard, L.A. and served the Matrimonial Tribunal before his years of study of Canon Law at Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He returned to the Matrimonial Tribunal and was elevated to Monsignor during his 16 years there. He served as Pastor at St. Christopher, West Covina and was on the Council of Priests. He taught at St. John's Seminary for 6 years before being named as Rector/President. After a year sabbatical, he returned as Pastor at St. Mel, Woodland Hills and retired July 1, 2013 as Pastor Emeritus and currently is living privately.



Rev. William F. Kerze

Fr. William Kerze was born on October 15, 1943 in Glendale, Calif. and was a member of the 1969 class at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. After ordination he served as Associate at St. Basil, L.A.; and then at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Downey. He became Chaplain of the Newman Club at Los Angeles City College and was also Associate Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary, L.A. He served as Archdiocesan Director of Campus Ministry

and as Associate Pastor at St. Michael, L.A. before being named Director of Continuing Formation for Clergy. He was Associate Pastor at St. Christopher, West Covina, and then served an extended term as Pastor at Our Lady of Malibu, Malibu, where he retired in 2018 as Pastor Emeritus and continues to live in residence.



Rev. Eric Anthony Lewis

Fr. Eric Lewis was born Sept 20, 1941 in Bombay, India, where he was ordained a priest Dec 20, 1969 at the Seminary College. Arriving in the Archdiocese in 1981 he had successive roles as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Irwindale; Holy Trinity, L.A.; and St. Clare in Santa Clarita. He was then named Pastor at St. Stephen in Monterey Park. Since 1996 he has served a Chaplain at Citrus Valley Med Ctr/Queen of the Valley Hospital, West Covina Chaplain-Hospital, while in residence at St. Christopher, West Covina; St. Joseph, La Puente; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Irwindale; and St. Louis of France, La Puente. He retired in 2018 and lives privately.



Rev. William A. McLean

Fr. William McLean was born Jan 29, 1944 in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the 1969 class at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo. He did successive assignments as Associate Pastor at St. Angela Merici, Brea; St. John Eudes, Chatsworth; Nativity, Torrance; St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes; and St. Elisabeth, Van Nuys. He then served as Administrator at Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rose Hill), L.A. before becoming Pastor. He continued as an Associate Pastor at St. Sebastian, Santa Paula; St. Anselm, L.A.; Nativity, El Monte; St. Agatha, L.A.; and then named Pastor of St. Athanasius in Long Beach. He served as a senior priest at St. Bruno in Whittier and at St. John Eudes in Chatsworth before retiring in 2014. He lives privately.



Msgr. Robert J. McNamara

Msgr. Robert McNamara was born April 20, 1945 in the city of Limerick in County Limerick, Ireland. He was ordained a priest on June 7, 1969 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Thurles, Ireland. He served the Los Angeles Archdiocese as Associate Pastor at St. Gregory Nazianzen, L.A.; Divine Saviour, L.A.; St. John Chrysostom, Inglewood; St. John Baptist de la Salle, Granada Hills; and St. Clare, Santa Clarita before serving as Pastor at St. John Eudes, Chatsworth. He was a member of the Council of Priests. He served an extended term as Pastor of St. Bernardine of Siena in Woodland Hills and was elevated to Monsignor during that time. He retired in 2017 and lives privately.



Rev. Anthony Joseph Page

Fr. Anthony Page was born September 23, 1943 in Los Angeles and was a member of the class of 1969 at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo. He served as Associate Pastor at Christ the King, L.A.; St. Gerard Majella, L.A.; and St. Robert Bellarmine, Burbank before being on the faculty at Bishop Conaty Our Lady of Loretto High School in Los Angeles. He returned to parish life as Administrator at St. Robert Bellarmine, Burbank and then Associate Pastor at St. Brendan, L.A. He served as Administrator at St. Joseph, Pomona, and at Beatitudes of Our Lord, La Mirada, and then served an extended term as Pastor at Beatitudes of Our Lord, where he currently resides.



Msgr. Guillermo A. Rodriguez

Msgr. Guillermo Rodriguez was born August 19, 1942 in Santa Ana, El Salvador. He was ordained a priest at Seminario de San José de la Montaña in San Salvador, El Salvador on Jan. 6, 1969. He first served as Associate Pastor at St. Martha, Valinda; followed by years at St. Sebastian, L.A.; La Purísima Concepcion, Lompoc; St. Mark, Venice; St. John the Baptist, Baldwin Park; and St. Matthew, Long Beach. He then served as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph, La Puente before being named as Administrator at St. Matthew, Long Beach. In 2006 he began an extended term as Pastor of St. Matthew Church, where he continues to live.