



Reverend William Alfred Kernan, Priest of Jesus Christ

Born 29 Aug 1959 in Syracuse, N. Y. the eldest of 10 children to Dolores Hemmer and William Warner Kernan. Fr. Bill's family moved around that corner of the country as his dad attained a law degree and was a special agent with the F.B.I. After homes in Baltimore, Md, Rome, N.Y., Arlington and Arcola, Va. the family settled outside his father's hometown of Rome, where his father worked for the District Attorney's office until his death in 1992. Fr. Bill attended three different Catholic grammar schools and three different public grammar schools. After graduation from Rome Catholic High School, Fr. Bill attained his B.A. in philosophy from LeMoyne College in Syracuse in 1981. He was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve on February 12, 1982 and arrived in San Diego on the 1st of March. Fr. Bill qualified as a surface warfare officer onboard USS Durham LKA-114 then did a tour with the Fleet Marine Force attached to the 1st Air-Naval Gunfire Liason Company [ANGLiCo] before going to the Persian Gulf on USS William H. Standley CG-32 in 1987. He entered St. Francis Seminary at USD in August of 1988. And, attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo Ca. from which he obtained a Master of Divinity [MDiv] degree. Ordained 25 June 1993, he served as an associate pastor at St. Francis, Vista; Most Holy Trinity, El Cajon; and San Rafael, Rancho Bernardo before being assigned pastor of St. Stephen Catholic parish, Valley Center in 1999. During his tenure the parish church was designed, funded, built, and dedicated. He assumed the pastorate of St. Charles Borromeo on 1 July 2009. A fairly avid sports fan, his hobbies include weight training, a round of golf most Thursdays, and a few hunting and fishing excursion throughout the year.