



Rev. Vincent Rigdon, JCL, Pastor
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Born: 5 April 1950 in San Francisco, CA, USA

Catholic Elementary and Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City, UT. Graduated June, 1967.

Full Scholarship to Columbia College of Columbia University, NYC.

B.A. degree in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Columbia, June, 1972

Employed by U.S. Dept. of Commerce, New York City, as Export Control Compliance Inspector (Special Agent), GS-7, Fall 1972 to Fall, 1973.

Entered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD, in Fall, 1973, studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Awarded M.A. degree in Systematic Theology, June, 1977

Ordained priest by William Cardinal Baum, St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, DC, 14 May 1977

Canon Law Degree, *Juris Canonici Licentiatus* (J.C.L.) from The Catholic University of America, June, 1988. Had studied part time since 1980, during my other assignments. (The Licentiate degree is between a Master's and a Doctorate. It is the Canonical equivalent of the civil J.D. degree, and usually requires two years of full-time study after completing the academic requirements for priestly ordination.)

Priestly Assignments:

June 1977 – October 1981: Associate Pastor, St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Indian Head, MD

October 1981 – July 1982: Administrator *pro-tem*, St. Cecilia's Church, St. Mary's City, MD, during terminal illness of the Pastor. Also served as Catholic Chaplain to St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City

July 1982 – August 1988: Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Landover Hills, MD

September 1988 – July 1990: Full-Time Defender of the Bond on the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Washington, using newly-awarded Canon Law degree.

July 1990 – October 1994: Pastor, St. Francis De Sales Parish, Benedict, MD.

October 1994 – October 1999: Full-Time Director of Office of the Missions (Society for the Propagation of the Faith), Archdiocese of Washington. Coordinated outreach and fundraising for Mission activities. As part of duties, visited the Holy Land, Mexico and China to observe and report on missionary activity. During this time, resident in St. Andrew the Apostle, Silver Spring, MD and Epiphany Parish, Georgetown, DC.

October 1999 – January 2004: Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel, a large multi-cultural parish in downtown Silver Spring, MD. Continued part-time as Director, Office of the Missions.

February 2004 – June 2006: Full-time Director, Office of the Missions, with residence at Holy Family Parish, Hillcrest Heights, MD. During this time, was on National Board of Directors of Pontifical Mission Societies, and Assistant Treasurer.

February 2006 – April 2006: Three month Sabbatical at North American College, Vatican City, Europe. Lectures and visits to religious and artistic sites. Permission granted by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, then Archbishop of Washington.

July 2006 – June 2009: Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 3800 Ely Place, S.E., Washington, DC. Predominately African-American parish in Southeast DC.

July 2009 to Present: Pastor, Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, Poolesville, MD

Military Experience:

May 1974: Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Chaplain Candidate, U.S. Air Force Reserve. Served in this “internship” program all during my Seminary career. Served at Williams AFB, AZ and Hill AFB, UT.

Fall 1977: Commissioned Chaplain, 1st Lieutenant, USAFR after ordination. Served in 9018 Air Reserve Squadron (Mobilization Augmentee), attached for training to Andrews AFB, MD and Air Intelligence Agency, Ft. George G. Meade, MD. During this time, I served in a part-time capacity, usually on my days off and some vacation time. Twice awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

October 2000: Retired as Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, USAFR. Ceremony at Andrews AFB, MD. Chief of Chaplain Service, Ch, Maj Gen, William Dendinger, USAF, presiding.