

Biography for Monsignor Robert D. Wenzinger

Born in Brooklyn, New York on November 10, 1956 the third son of Ralph and Madeline (NEE: Pizzo) Wenzinger. Lived in West Islip (south shore of Long Island) November 1956-August 1967. The family relocated to Canoga Park (San Fernando Valley) California in August 1967. Subsequently moves to Chatsworth and then to Saugus (Santa Clarita). Graduated from William S. Hart High School in 1974.

Entered St. John's Seminary College, Camarillo CA, in September 1974. Graduated St. John's Seminary College in May 1978. BA in Philosophy with an English Minor. Entered St. John's Theologate, Camarillo CA, in September of 1978. Graduated in May of 1982 with a Master's of Divinity.

Ordained to the priesthood on October 9, 1982. Assignments as follows:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Bakersfield, associate pastor 1982-84

St. Mary's, Visalia, associate pastor 1984-86

St. Joseph's, Bakersfield, associate pastor 1986-89

Sacred Heart Church, Dos Palos, pastor 1989-94

St. Joseph's, Bakersfield, pastor 1994-2007. While assigned to St. Joseph was elected and subsequently appointed Dean (Vicar Forane) for Kern and Inyo counties (1997-2002), with associated membership on various diocesan committees.

St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno, pastor 2007-current. Named a Chaplain to His Holiness (Monsignor) March 2008. Installed February 2009.

Other Significant Duties:

Catholic Charities Board of Director's 1999-2012 Vice Chair of Board 2007-2012

Diocesan Personnel Board 2009-13

Diocesan Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development 2012-current

Rector, San Joaquin Memorial High School 2013-current

Further Education

Certificate in Nonprofit Administration- University of Notre Dame 2005

Certificate in Bio-ethics-Loyal University of Chicago 2015