

Meet the Retreat Facilitator

Reverend Larry Swink



Father Lawrence Swink was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington in May 2006.

He was born on the Midway Islands, an unincorporated territory of the U.S. in the central Pacific Ocean, (northwest of Honolulu). He is the oldest of 10 children and points to his parents as playing a large role in planting the seeds for his vocation. Seeing the sacrifices needed in marriage made him more open to the call to the priesthood.

He attended the Heights High School (Rockville, MD) and graduated from the University of Dallas with a degree in Political Philosophy. He worked for Morgan Stanley as a Financial Advisor for 2-1/2 half years.

In 2001, Fr. Larry joined the Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, NJ and began his vocational journey.

Father Larry's first parish was St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel, MD followed by St. Pius X in Bowie, MD. He also served as pastor at Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church in Huntingtown, MD. , Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata, MD and pastor at both St. Peter Claver and St. Cecilia's in St. Mary's City, MD.

Father Larry is a dynamic speaker and he has been leading retreats for men's and women's groups for over 10 years including pilgrimages to Mexico City and holy sites in Europe.

Father Larry's three favorite things about being a priest are offering Mass, confessions, and preaching the Word of God. What feeds his love for the Mass is adoration. Every day, he spends an hour of mental prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He loves helping people understand the faith at a deeper level, assisting them to connect their life with the Lord, and challenging/encouraging them to holiness.

In his spare time, Father is a cyclist, plays basketball, and enjoys hiking and snowboarding... as well as anything that includes a ball or a stick!