



Rev. William G. O'Brien

On July 1, 2010 Reverend William G. O'Brien will succeed Reverend Dean Dombroski as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, St. Kilian Parish, and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Father O'Brien was born into a large farm family east of Denmark in the community of Curran, on December 10, 1942. He is the son of William and Eva (Scankan) O'Brien. Father O'Brien and his sister still own the farm. He is a graduate of Denmark High School.

After serving two years in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, Father O'Brien returned to Wisconsin and accepted a position with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation as an accountant specializing in construction auditing and sales tax laws. He also served as the Town Clerk for the Town of Franklin, in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin. In the mid 70s, he played a key roll in helping to establish the Viking Rescue Squad.

After 20 years Father O'Brien returned to college and graduated from the University of Oshkosh with a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts. He then enrolled in the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Father O'Brien was ordained into priesthood on December 15, 1990 by Bishop Robert F. Morneau at St. Francis Catholic Cathedral.

Father O'Brien was assigned as Associate Pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Kaukauna, and then at Holy Cross Parish in Mishicot. In 1992 He was appointed as Administrator and in 1993 as Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Brillion. In 1997 He was also appointed as Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in Two Rivers. Because of low attendance, limited resources and the limited number of priests he was placed in the position of closing and combining four parishes (St. Luke, Sacred Heart, St. Mark and Holy Redeemer) into a single parish. On July 1, 2002 St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish was born. On April 3, 2005 after endless meetings, discussions, planning and hard work a beautiful new church was dedicated.

St. Joseph, St. Kilian, and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes look forward to having Father O'Brien as their new Pastor and wish to give him a heart felt welcome to our faithful community.

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