Reverend Gerard J. Gentleman, Jr.

Biography

Father Gerard is the oldest of five children and a native Long Islander where he attended Connetquot Public Schools and was a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Ronkonkoma, NY and the Parish of the Holy Cross in Nesconset, NY.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in June of 1997. He is currently serving as the pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Massapequa, NY. His previous assignments include Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hicksville, NY, Chaplain of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville, NY. and Associate Pastor of St. Kilian parish in Farmingdale.

Having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1986 as a member of Suffolk County Council Troop 439, Fr. Gentleman continues to be involved in Scouting America, through the National Catholic Committee on Scouting where he currently serves as the Immediate Past National Chaplain, having previously served as the National Chaplain, Associate National Chaplain, national director of the St. George Trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where he has worked as a staff chaplain for 16 summers. He has also served as chaplain of the Diocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Additional diocesan service includes Holy Trinity Diocesan High School advisory board, chairperson of the *Belong More Deeply* diocesan evangelization program, Admissions Board for the Permanent Diaconate, the Diocesan College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council, and the Diocesan Education Commission.

He serves on the NFCYM Organizational Membership Council Advisory Council and is a weekly cohost of the Catholic Faith Network’s Emmy awarded, “CFN Live.”

Fr. Gentleman holds both a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre Arts Performance from the State University of New York College at Fredonia.