

History of St. Joseph Parish continued.

1925 – 2003

Vocations From the Parish



In addition to Fr. Frank Goodman, others have contributed years of their lives to special service in religious life.

The Sisters

First, of course, is Bridgett Mary Bannon, who became Sr. Mary Anthony, SSJ of St. Augustine. Sr. St. Anthony is the daughter of the first Catholics in Polk County. She celebrated her 50th Anniversary with the St. Joseph sisters in 1975.

Julie Smith was a convert. Longtime parishioner, Rita Smith, was her godmother. Later she took her final vows as a sister of Notre Dame in 1977, taking the name of Sr. Mary St. Julie. Fr. Julie is now living and working in St. Petersburg. Rita Smith is still in touch with her.

Charlotte Ott, who was counseled by Father Anderson in the early 1960s entered a Carmelite monastery in Pennsylvania. Her parents, who had a home and business in Winter Haven, lived in Ohio part of the year.

The Priests

Glen Charest, who attended St. Joseph and Santa Fe School, originally intended to join the Vincentian Fathers, but later in 1977 was ordained to the priesthood for the Orlando Diocese. Fr. Charest has served as an associate pastor, and as a campus minister at Stetson in

Deland and worked with the migrant ministry. After transferring to the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, Fr. Charest served as an associate pastor and a pastor of two different parishes while working in the campus ministry at Roanoke College. Suffering from burn-out, he participated in a three-month retreat in 1986 and determined not to return to active ministry.

Three young men were Boy Scouts together and then entered the priesthood for a time. One was Richard Pobjecky, son of Katherine, brother of Robert who worked with the youth ministry here. Richard first joined the Carthusians in 1961 at the La Grande Chartreuse, a 17th century monastery. He was ordained in France in June 1969. Later in 1972, he returned to the Orlando Diocese. He has been serving as an Anglican priest in Titusville for over 25 years.

Patrick Dennis Keefe, grandson of W.H. Keefe, one of the founders of the parish, was the son of Joe and Gerry Richardville was the third of the former Boy Scouts to be ordained.