

Fr. Daniel Mrnarevic

Fr. Dan was born in 1950 in Split, Croatia to Helen and Nicholas Mrnarevic. Before receiving his call to serve the Lord he considered a career in opera and still shares his musical talents with parishioners on special occasions. After completing his studies in Croatia, Austria, and Germany he was ordained a priest on July 2, 1984 in Austria. He later finished his graduate studies in Rome at the Angelicum where he received a licentiate in theology.

He moved to the United States in 1987 and became a citizen in 1994. During this time he served in the Diocese of Fargo and was involved in the Education for Parish Service program and the Cursillo movement. He has served St. Cecilia in Velva, Sts. Peter and Paul in Karlsruhe, and Little Flower in Rugby until coming to St. Mary's in Grand Forks on June 22, 2005.



During his time at St. Mary's, Fr. Dan has supervised beautification of the sanctuary space by adding paintings of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. He also supervised an addition to the entrance of St. Mary's including a family bathroom and a new, larger elevator which was completed in time for Easter 2014. Furthermore, he is playing a role in organizing and compiling the history of St. Mary's for a book to be published for the church's centennial celebration in 2015.



Fr. Dan enjoys traveling back to Europe and visiting both Rome and his home town of Dubrovnik, Croatia. He is often joined by parishioners as they enjoy the sights and sounds of Dubrovnik which, in its day, rivaled Venice as an ancient city-state. The most recent of these trips was in May of 2011.



Fr. Dan in front of his hometown of Dubrovnik, Croatia.



Visit to Europe in June of 2007.