



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of
PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE

Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC

Curriculum Vitae

Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, Bishop-elect Wack (pronounced “wok” from the German Wach) is the second youngest of ten children (two girls, eight boys). He attended Christ the King Grade School, LaSalle (public) High School, Holy Cross College (one year) and was graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in government and international relations in 1989. He entered formation in the college seminary with the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Indiana. After graduation, he went to the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colorado for one year (1989-90), professed first vows in Holy Cross at the conclusion of the novitiate, and then returned to Notre Dame to pursue a masters of divinity degree, which he received in May 1993.

Following Ordination to the Priesthood on April 9, 1994, he served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs, CO for three-plus years. From July 1997 to July 2002, he returned to Notre Dame as associate director of vocations for Holy Cross. In addition, he served as Director of the Freshman Retreat Program at Notre Dame and worked in Campus Ministry. He served as Director of André House, a house of hospitality that serves the homeless and poor of central Phoenix, from 2002 until Dec. 2008. In June 2009, he moved to Austin, TX to become pastor of St. Ignatius Martyr Parish.

On May 29, 2017, His Holiness, Pope Francis, named him the sixth Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Bishop-elect Wack will be ordained a bishop and installed at a Mass in Pensacola on a date to be determined.

Education:

BA, Government and International Relations, University of Notre Dame (1989)

M.Div., University of Notre Dame (1993)

Certificate in Executive Management (Supervisory Training), U of Notre Dame (2002)

Ministry Experience:

1 Unit, Clinical Pastoral Education. Federal Correctional Institution – Pleasanton, CA

4 years, Deacon and Associate Pastor: Sacred Heart Parish, Colorado Springs, CO

5 years, Associate Director of Vocations: Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province

3 years, Director of Freshman Retreat Program, U of Notre Dame

6 ½ years, Director of André House of Arizona (Catholic Worker House)
(Presently), Pastor of St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, TX
(Presently), Dean, Austin Central Deanery

Community Involvement:

Board Member, Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, Colorado Springs (1996-98)
Board Member, Holy Cross Associates (IN) (1998-2002)
Board of Trustees Member, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN (2000-2003)
Board Member, Catholic Charities, Phoenix (AZ) (2003-2008)
Board Member, St. Louise House (TX) (2010-2013)
Member, Diocesan School Advisory Board (TX) (current)
Member, Presbyteral Council – Diocese of Austin (TX) (current)
Dean, Austin Central Deanery

Religious Life

Entered Seminary, August 1985
Completed Novitiate, August 1989-1990
Professed Final Vows, August 28, 1993
Ordained Deacon, August 29, 1993
Ordained Priest, April 9, 1994