

BIO:

Fr. Kevin B. Walsh, pastor of Precious Blood Church in Culpeper, VA, was born in Detroit, the fifth of eight children of Michael and Joann Walsh.

He graduated from Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights, Michigan, in 1980, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Christendom College in Front Royal in 1987. He was ordained a deacon in 1991 and served at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington (1991-92). In 1992 he obtained a Master of Arts in Theology from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was ordained a priest by Bishop John R. Keating on May 16, 1992.

Father Walsh was Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Falls Church (1992-96); St. Rita Church in Alexandria (1996-98); and St. James Church in Falls Church (1998-2000). During those years he served extensively in Hispanic ministry.

He served as Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at Marymount University in Arlington (2000-02), while in residence at St. James. He served at St. Philip Church in Falls Church as Parochial Administrator (2002-04) and Pastor (2004-10). He returned to St. Anthony of Padua as Pastor (2010-12) and served as Pastor of Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria (2012-13).

In addition to native fluency in Spanish, Fr. Walsh is conversationally fluent in Italian and French, and “gets by” in German and Portuguese. He also reads Latin, Classical Greek and Biblical Hebrew, and put his multilingual skills to good use when he earned a License in Sacred Theology with a concentration in Biblical Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 2016, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. After finishing his studies, he returned to the Arlington Diocese in 2016 to serve as Pastor of Precious Blood Parish until the present. He enjoys studying Modern Hebrew that he uses on pilgrimages to the Holy Land as well as modern Greek for a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul.

He was able to share knowledge from his Scripture studies when he gave a retreat in 2017 to candidates for the permanent diaconate just before their ordination, as well as teach Scripture to candidates for the permanent diaconate from 2017 to 2024. He has taught several courses over the years in Spanish at the *Instituto de Formación Pastoral* of the Arlington Diocese. He also was the presenter of the Convocation of Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Norwich in 2019. In 2022 he helped give a Conference on Hispanic Ministry to priests, deacons and employees of the Diocese of Wichita.

Since 2021 he has served as Dean of Deanery IV and as representative of his deanery on the Presbyteral Council where he was elected as Vice Chairman.

On his free time, Fr. Walsh likes to bike, swim or visit the families of one of his 35 godchildren.