

Dear Parishioners of St John the Baptist Parish, St James Mission, and the Newman Center:

It was a great blessing to have been named your new parochial administrator. I am honored to be a part of these various Catholic communities all united in Christ. During the coming months we will get to know each other better, but I wanted to write a little about my background and history so that you get to know me, too.

I was born in Paducah, KY and grew up in Sunman, IN: a small town in southeastern Indiana of about 2,500 people. I attended Catholic school for eight years at St Nicholas School in Sunman, IN. I grew up near cornfields and dairy farms.

I attended public high school in the next town over, and spent one year at Indiana University in Bloomington.

I entered the seminary with the Legionaries of Christ in Cheshire, CT in 1994. I studied with the Legionaries in Cheshire, CT, Thornwood, NY, and Rome, Italy. I was ordained a priest in Rome in November 2004.

After having served as chaplain in a Legionary boarding school in Wisconsin for almost a year, I was transferred to Sacramento where I lived at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For five years I operated youth camps and did vocation work for the Legionaries in the Sacramento area.

In October 2011 I left the Legionaries and transferred to the Diocese of Sacramento. In November 2011 I was named parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Citrus Heights. As of January 15th I have been named parochial administrator to our communities in Chico.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working together with you to build up the Body of Christ in Chico.

Many blessings,

Fr Jason Clark