



Our Men in Black



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What have you learned from your brother priests?

Msgr. Bob Hoffman modeled for me how to lead others with great courage and compassion.

Advice for young people considering a vocation

For those considering a religious vocation, I would encourage them to get a good Catholic mentor who truly loves the Church and is someone who will challenge them to always be honest, humble and human.

Something about you few people would know

Very few people would know or imagine that I once went skydiving when I was in college.

Favorite hobby or pastime

I love to walk, hike and to

go swimming. Growing up – basketball was my favorite sport to play

Favorite temporal things

Movie — “The Shawshank Redemption,” book — “The Seven Storey Mountain” by Thomas Merton, TV show — “The Andy Griffith Show,” sports team — I enjoy rooting for all Chicago teams and local high school teams.

Favorite food

I have always loved to eat, and I tend to eat too much. Lenten meals tend to stand out in my mind, because by going with less I tend to have a greater appreciation for all the food I usually enjoy so easily on a daily basis.

Favorite prayer

The Our Father is my favorite prayer, because it is the Lord’s Prayer, it is committed to memory and it always seems to say or sum up everything that we need.

Favorite saint

I have always liked St. Anthony of Padua, because of his great example to the youth and his ability to help me find things.

What has been a holy moment for you in your priesthood?

One of my holiest moments was presiding at my own father’s Mass of Christian Burial.