



## **Father Richard Kramer**

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Collins taught me how to be a servant to all people at all times.

### **Something about you few people would know**

That I would have been a surgeon or a performing classical pianist instead of being a priest. I really never wanted to be anything but a priest from as early as the age of 4; it was like the decision was made for me from birth.

### **Advice for young people considering a vocation**

Open your hearts and ears to the call you are receiving from Jesus to use your good skills and talents — your life — to serve people as he did. Try to avoid the incredible selfishness of our world today. It is, hands down, the single most exciting and ever-changing life you could imagine. Learn to run your own course and not follow the pack!

### **Favorite hobby or pastime**

Antiques and antique hunting or traveling to new places, here or abroad.



### **Favorite temporal things**

My retirement home, my piano, my clocks.

### **Favorite recipe**

Favorite recipe for pot-lucks or anytime!

#### *Deluxe Ground Beef Barbeque*

- 1 pound of ground beef
- 2 tablespoons of mustard
- 3/4 cup of catsup
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/2 green pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of vinegar (the brown kind)
- 1 teaspoon of salt

Brown the meat in a skillet and drain if necessary. Then add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well, and let simmer for at least 10 minutes on low heat. This should make enough for six sandwiches.

### **Favorite prayer**

My favorite prayer is the Memorare. It was my mom's favorite prayer, and we prayed it together weekly on my visits with her. We kids also put it on her holy card for her visitation and funeral.

### **Favorite saint**

Actually I have three favorite saints: St. Nicholas, St. Joseph and the Little Flower, St. Therese.

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

Giving my mother the sacrament of the sick and the final blessings before she died! I could hardly say the words or see the print on the page.

### **What have you learned from your brother priests?**

Father William Patrick