



Our Men in Black



Msgr. Thomas Monahan Retired (and his dog Audrey, also retired)

the Hail Mary right now.

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

When I heard my mother's
confession.

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

One of them gave his life
for me; that changed every-
thing. These holy guys show
us how to die to ourselves
and live for God. But I am a
slow learner.

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

Think about that! God
may want to use you to
bring someone to new life.
That's Jesus' own mission.



Favorite prayer

The prayer our Father
most wants to hear: the
Lord's Prayer, especially as
it is explained by holy peo-
ple such as St. Augustine.

Something about you few people would know

My very dark side: that I
would have ended up in dis-
aster had not Jesus Christ
rescued me. And, that I am
as German as I am Irish.

Favorite saint

St. Mary! Mother of God
and Queen of Saints, our
dear Blessed Lady. Let's say

Favorite hobby or pastime

I love my "cottage indus-
try," the hours I work as
consultant to help our Tri-
bunal and the one in Peoria.

Favorite temporal things

Everything beautiful!
People in love, thrilling
ideas and stories, music
and all the fine arts,
good science, the beauty
in nature.

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