



Our Men in Black

Favorite prayer

I love the rosary. I always have one with me. I recite it almost constantly.

Favorite hobby or pastime

My rosary. I usually walk two or three miles a day.

Favorite saint

The Blessed Mother.

Favorite temporal things

Scriptural readings, par-

Father Bernard Ratazak

Retired

Ordained 1976

ticularly books detailing passages from the Bible.

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

I never, never will forget my ordination. I also remember when I was entering the seminary. The first thing I did was leave my suitcase at the door, went into the chapel for about five seconds, and prayed, "Lord, you got me here, now you're going to have to take care of me." And he helped me.

Who has been an important priest in your vocation?

Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill,



who was a big supporter of my late vocation.

Advice for young people considering a vocation

You shouldn't fear the subject matters facing them. Place yourself in God's hands and let Him take care of you and you'll do fine.

Favorite food

Italian food, and biscuits and gravy.