



Our Men in Black



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Favorite prayer

The prayer of absolution because Jesus came “to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.” (Luke 4:18)

Favorite saint

St. Joseph, because he was “Mary’s most chaste spouse,” who teaches all men that manliness and godliness are not opposites.

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

I witnessed a deathbed conversion of a man who had been away from the Church and the sacraments for over 40 years while I was praying the Divine Mercy

Chaplet at his bedside.

What have you learned from your brother priests?

Msgr. Daniel Hermes taught me that there is tremendous joy in serving Jesus and the meaning of the words: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” (Mt 11:29)

Advice for young people considering a vocation

For those young men discerning a call to the sacred priesthood: “Come, and you will see!” (Jn 1:39) This is an invitation to intimacy with Christ Jesus, our Eucharistic king who is hidden, who is humble, who is holy.

Something about you few people would know

I almost drowned in a quarry when I was about 7 or 8 years old. This is probably why I will never be a spiritual director on a cruise liner.

Favorite hobby or pastime

Strength Training (free weights)

Favorite temporal things

My Breviary (four volume set), crucifix (depicting the five holy wounds with blood), “Extreme Home Makeover” (it reminds me of the celebration that immediately follows the conversion of every sinner.)