



Our Men in Black



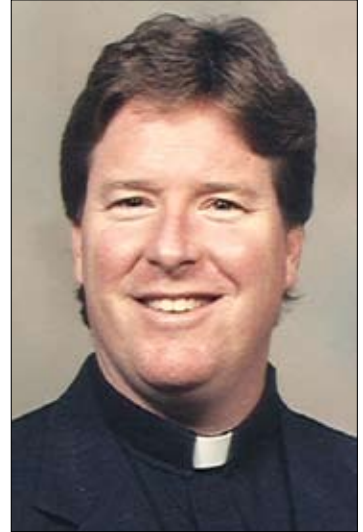
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What have you learned from your brother priests?

Father Charles Murray was my great uncle on my mother's side. When I was a freshman in college I went to visit him near Denver, Colo. It was the first time I had ever seen mountains. I had a cheap camera, and was taking pictures that I thought would rival Ansel Adams. He asked me why I was trying to capture a beauty on film that would never compare to the real thing. Life is like that sometimes. We tend to cling to what we think is truly significant, lovely, and meaningful but we don't always look at the big picture. We miss a lot more beauty than we can ever capture for ourselves.

Advice for young people considering a vocation

Think critically. Don't be afraid to be stretched beyond your comfort zone. Remember that we are not



in this line of work for ourselves. Rather, we are making a decision to love for a lifetime.

Something about you few people would know

I enjoy reading and writing poetry.

Favorite hobby or pastime

Playing Scrabble on my laptop is a lot of fun. It helps to keep me humble when I lose (which is quite frequent).

Favorite temporal things

My favorite TV show is "The Office" because it teaches me so much about management (like what *not* to do). My favorite movie is "Blade Runner." I actually use my treadmill.

Favorite prayer

I like Centering Prayer. Those 20 minutes of silent prayer really do more than anything else I've tried to help keep me relatively calm throughout the day.

Favorite saint

St. Paul is my favorite saint because he experienced a major conversion in his life. He probably would not have been my first choice to be the evangelist to the gentiles, but the Holy Spirit chose very well.

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

Just after I moved to Genoa, I apologized publicly for getting overly frustrated at Mass on a particular weekend when everything went wrong.