

Father Bernard Felix's greatest challenge:

Letting people know...


'God ... will never abandon us'

Meet Our Priests

This week's featured priest:

Father
Bernard Felix

YEAR FOR PRIESTS



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What was it that made you want to be a priest?

I want to be a priest because I want to follow Jesus despite my human imperfections and limitations, serve God and His people, the Church.

Was there a particular individual who inspired you to become a priest?

My mother inspired me to become a priest. I remember she told me when I was a seminarian, she offers flowers and prayers for me before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturdays when she cleans the Church. I was also inspired when I first witness a person (Father Rene Sapungan) receiving the Sacrament of Ordination to the Priesthood in my hometown.

Who were people who encouraged you in your vocation?

My parents encouraged me and my pastor Msgr. Rolando Oliverio. He was then our Diocesan Vocation Director, he asked me to take the entrance examination in the seminary. I was

quite hesitant to take it but fortunately I passed. Then afterwards he accompany me to the seminary to start my seminary formation.

What do you like most about being a priest?

What I like most about being a priest is when I’m doing the sacraments, specially when I’m saying Mass for the people. I feel like I’m really fulfilling my chosen vocation when I’m in the altar bringing Jesus to the people.

What has been one of the greatest challenges you face in your ministry?

I would say one of the greatest challenges I face in my ministry is how to help and support people spirituality in the midst of their struggles and problems in day to day life and let them know that there’s a God who will never abandon us and will always be with us.

What has been one of the highlights, so far, of your priesthood?

When Bishop Ronald Gilmore made me Pastor of Sacred Heart Church,

Larned and St. Bernard, Belpre.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to see movies on my free time and watch TV. I enjoy watching America’s Funniest Video, news, the Weather Channel and sports sometimes.

If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Of course home, there’s no place like home, that’s where I wanna go first for a vacation. But I would take a vacation and visit “Israel” to see the birth place of Jesus.

What are your hobbies? What books do you enjoy reading?

I learn playing golf while in Larned, which I enjoy playing now with my brother priests. Thanks to Father Tighe for being so patient giving me golf lessons. I enjoy playing ping-pong too. Once in a while I read books about American culture.