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**A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER JOSÉ FÉLIX...**

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I was born in Valencia, Spain, to a Catholic family. I am the youngest of five, (one brother and three sisters). My parents and my brother and sisters live in Spain. I attended a Catholic elementary school, and when I was fourteen, I entered the minor seminary with the Legionaries of Christ.

During my fifteen years of formation, I spent seven years studying in Rome (Italy) and four helping in ministries in Mexico City. I was ordained a priest in Rome in January 2001 for the Legionaries of Christ. A year before the ordination I had already been assigned to Brazil, where I spent three years. In 2002 I arrived in New York, and for twelve years while working in the administration office of the Legionaries, I dedicated my weekends to help in parishes in the area of Westchester County. In 2014, I was named Pastor of St. Peter's – St. Denis in Yonkers. I served that community for three years, after which I was sent to the Holy Land, where I served the Vatican for the last fifteen months.

A few months ago, after prayer and discernment for some years, I decided to leave the Legionaries of Christ and start the process of incardination in the Archdiocese of New York. I am blessed to start this new path for me in this parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. My friendship with Fr. Jonathan started many years ago, and I am glad that I can help him here, while he is away.

My only desire is to serve God and you, His people in this Parish. I am eager to learn from all of you. Count on my prayers and please pray for me as well. I hope very soon to meet all of you personally.

**God bless,**  
*Father José Félix*