

Celebrants

Fr. Jonathan Raia is the Vocation Director and Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of Austin. He was born in Houston, Texas into a strong Catholic family, where he came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord, Savior and Friend. He felt a call to the priesthood as early as his First Holy Communion, but discerned the call most seriously while a student at the University of Texas at Austin. After graduating in 2002, he entered seminary and was ordained a priest in 2009. He served at St. William in Round Rock for four years, then at St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University for a year before beginning in the Office of Vocations.



FR. JONATHAN RAI



MSGR ELMER HOLTMAN

Msgr. Elmer serves as the Chaplain at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, where he lives and keeps himself busy, in spite of his retirement in 2009. A priest who has served the Diocese of Austin for over 50 years, Msgr Elmer has shaped countless lives and ministries. He served for many years as the Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Austin, immediately preceding his retirement. He can often be found ministering to youth and adults on retreat at Eagle's Wings and can always be counted on for a positive attitude and an optimistic outlook.

BISHOP DANNY GARCIA



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez appointed then-Very Rev. Daniel E. Garcia as the Vicar General for the Diocese of Austin and Moderator of the Curia on March 3, 2014. On Jan. 21, 2015, Pope Francis appointed him as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Austin. Bishop Garcia is the first auxiliary bishop in the history of the diocese. He was installed on March 3, 2015. Previously he was the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Austin on May 28, 1988.