

The Dreamer

Exclusive news for the St. Joseph's Indian School DreamMakers



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Meet Our New Chaplain!

There is a new face on campus, and we are very excited for you to get to know him better. His name is Fr. Gregory Schill, SCJ, and he is St. Joseph's Indian School's new Chaplain!

Q: Where are you from?

A: I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas.

Q: What made you decide to join the priesthood?

A: My decision to discern the priesthood was a decision that had me going back-and-forth for years — as far back as my time as a young adult. Never was the decision one I made overnight, but through years of thought, reflection and prayer. I am glad I approached the priesthood in this manner, as this is a lifetime commitment.

Q: Where have you served prior to St. Joseph's?

A: I was ordained in 2010 as a transitional deacon and served at St. Martin of Tours

in Franklin,

Wisconsin. After six

months of serving,

I was ordained to

the priesthood and

transferred within a

month to a cluster of

four parishes, which expanded in 2016 to six

parishes, in northern Mississippi.

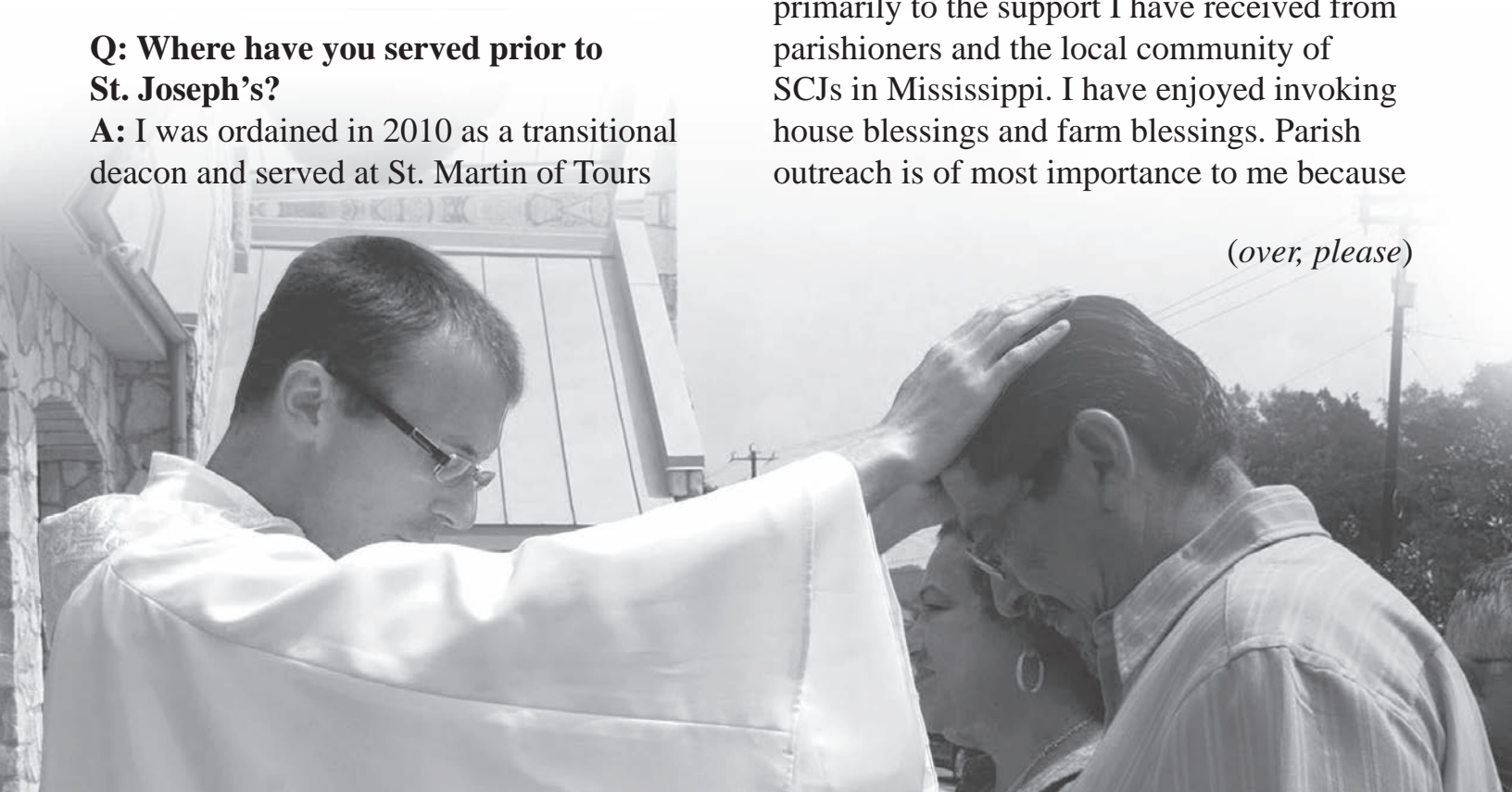
Q: Can you share any of your most memorable moments?

A: This is a hard question to narrow down. I have had many memorable moments, thanks primarily to the support I have received from parishioners and the local community of SCJs in Mississippi. I have enjoyed invoking house blessings and farm blessings. Parish outreach is of most importance to me because

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Fr. Gregory, Chaplain





some people think priests only work on the weekends when they are up on the altar, but that is only the most public element of their ministry.

Q: Describe the moment you found out you would be the next Chaplain at St. Joseph’s.

A: When I was informed I would become the next Chaplain at St. Joseph’s, I was both excited and saddened simultaneously. I was saddened to know I’d be leaving the only ministry I had known since my ordination to the priesthood and the people I had developed bonds with over the years. However, I was excited to learn I was going to have a change of scenery. I believe it is healthy to change assignments every so often. At St. Joseph’s I am excited to be serving the school and the children and to be a source of support for the organization. The ministry is going to be much different and this will give me the personal opportunity to develop a new ministerial experience.

Q: What are you looking forward to most?

A: I look forward to building relationships, celebrating Mass in the presence of students and staff, and I must say I have an intense interest in learning more about the Equine Therapy program.

Q: Do you know much about Lakota (Sioux) culture and the backgrounds from which our students come?

A: When I was in graduate school, I took a course on Cross Cultural Ministry, which had my class participating in a one-week immersion at the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations. I also visited the Lower Brule Reservation in 2010. There is much more to learn about the Lakota culture outside of books and a one-week immersion, and I am looking forward to learning more over the course of time.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish in your role as Chaplain?

A: I see my role at the beginning as a ministry of presence, with the hope of getting to know the students and families and going from there.

“And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.” — Job 8:7



DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph’s Indian School buys paper products in bulk as a way to minimize costs. Until our stock runs out, you may notice Fr. Anthony’s name on correspondence from us, even though Fr. Gregory is now with us. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this transition.



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Dear Veteran,

- Thank you for our freedom.
- Thank you for keeping us safe.
- Thank you for keeping our families safe.



Sincerely,
Eduardo



Dear Friend,

Thank you for donating!
My favorite class is P.E you can check
your heart rate which is pretty cool.

The thing I like to do here are play
with friends. My favorite things to do with my friends
are playing basketball and football.

If I'm good enough at basketball I can play
in college. I don't want to play in the NBA
though.

What I want to be when I grow up
is a firefighter. I want to help save people's lives.
I think it would be a neat and exciting job. I will
probably stay in South Dakota and fight fires here.

Thank you for donating money and helping
my school

Sincerely,
Jules.