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Name - Br. John Eustice, C.S.V.

Congregation – Viatorians (Clerics of St. Viator)

How long in Vocation Ministry – 3 years (non-consecutively)

Birthplace: LaSalle-Peru, Illinois

However, I moved to Henderson (next to Las Vegas), NV when I was 12 and did the rest of my growing up in the Mojave Desert.

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: · Hiking, Woodworking

What book is currently on your bedside table?

In the Shelter: Padraig O’Tuama – A great Celtic take on welcoming God in all parts of life

Favorite TV Show: · Breaking Bad (What can I say? It is in the Southwest and is a great story)

Favorite Movie: I’m such a movie geek, so this one is tough. I’ll go with the first one that comes to mind and that I could watch over and over. Simon Birch

Favorite Song: To name just one song is difficult so I’m going to name three

- U2’s “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For.”
- Alison Krauss’ “Looking in the Eyes of Love”
- The Avett Brothers’ “Ain’t No Man”

Favorite Vacation Spot: Cornwall, England, Penwith Peninsula

I’ve always wanted to visit: New Zealand

My favorite thing about being a religious Brother: Being a religious brother has afforded me the opportunities to deepen my spirituality both personally and communally with people from my own culture and knowing that I’m connected to people in 13 other countries by the same vows I profess. I truly am one member of a multi-national, multi-cultural, multi-generational and multi-century movement the challenges us to adore and love Jesus in and through all people we meet.

I receive the most joy from: Witnessing a young person realizing that a relationship with Christ is readily available and they act on it.

Why be a religious today: Jesus Christ and his Gospel are not being heard too well these days. Being a religious today is to be the amplifier needed for people to hear and then act.

Previous ministries:

- (Currently) Vice President of Viatorian Identity and Mission at Saint Viator High School, Arlington Heights, IL
- Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Maternity BVM Parish, Bourbonnais, IL
- Campus minister and then later co-director of Campus Ministry at Saint Viator High School
- Pastoral Associate of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Corozal Town, Belize, Central America

What are you passionate about?

- Social Justice and Catholic Social Teaching and helping others know this is a thing that the Church does.
- Raising up young people as leaders of the Church today, not the “future” of the Church tomorrow.
- Honoring the natural world in which we live.

How do you relax? Hiking, running, woodworking, reading, movies, hanging out with friends.

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues. I have been participating monthly in a peer supervision group since I took NRVC's summer institute courses in 2014. There are five vocation ministers living in California, Illinois, New York and Connecticut. We connect using Zoom as our platform. The facilitator rotates among us. We begin with a check in from each person, followed by an issue anyone would want to bring to the group. At times we utilize the meeting to explore a topic or share best practices. This has been one of the most encouraging groups I have been a part of in my religious life.