

CAVocation A Voices

Name - Fr. John Schork, C.P.

Congregation - The Passionists of Holy Cross Province

How long in Vocation Ministry - Overall, about 10 years part-time as local vocation contact; 3 months as full time Province vocation director

Birthplace: Louisville, KY - in 1949 (I'm a boomer)



Favorite Pastime / Hobby: Travel, driving and viewing the countryside

What book is currently on your bedside table? "Priesthood in Religious Life", edited by Stephen Bevans and Robin Ryan (fellow Passionist!)

Favorite TV Show: Currently, the Evening National News (lots of material for prayer!); All-Time: The M.A.S.H. series (I have collected all episodes)

Favorite movie: O Brother Where Art Thou?

Favorite song: "Feeling Groovy", by Simon & Garfunkel

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Blue Bell Peppermint Chip

Favorite Vacation Spot: Any golf course near any of my religious communities / family / and friends.

I've always wanted to visit: New England, Australia, Ireland

My favorite thing about being a religious Priest: The blending of personal growth as a man of faith while welcoming and encouraging others

I receive the most joy from: Celebrating the Eucharist and other Sacraments, bringing me into faith contact with others as we celebrate Life

Why be a religious today? The value of the witness of our lives as everyday poets and prophets of God's Love

Previous ministries: Passionist Retreat Center Leadership and Staffing / Programs; Local and Provincial Leadership teams; Community "jack-of-all-trades"; Part-time Airport Chaplain; Serra Club Chaplain; Community Development and Donor-Relations Team; Community fund-raising; Province Treasurer, Investment Council member; regular Confessor for cloistered nuns; part-time chaplain for a women's religious community; Spiritual Companion

What are you passionate about? Witnessing and enhancing the vitality of our Passionist Charism, our Community, and our Corporate Ministries

How do you relax? Find a quiet place -- especially a chapel -- and slow down; OR get outside in the fresh air, like a golf course; OR practice mindfulness

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues - In vocation ministry, Poetically witness the beauty of lived faith and religious vocation; Prophetically challenge others to embrace Gospel Values and be open to radical change; and Pragmatically en flesh the poetic and prophetic dimensions of religious life in our daily lives.

Anything else you would like to share... From personal experience, God invites us to open all sorts of doors to a more fulfilled life; it's up to us to "try it, you've got nothing to lose" ...and then develop a deep, personal love for God and neighbor to add excitement to all of daily life.