

CAVocation Voices A



Name: Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S.

Congregation: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

How long in Vocations Ministry: I've been the Vocations Director in 2016, but was helping the previous Director since 2011.

Birthplace: Alameda, California (near San Francisco)

Favorite Pastime/Hobby: Archery (I only shoot targets), watching movies, and I love to feed people (cook). I can't name a favorite recipe it but the first "exotic" recipe I learned was Pasta alla Carbonara.

What book is currently on your bedside table: "Father Elijah" by Michael D. O'Brien

Favorite TV Show: Currently I'd say Monk. I am also a big fan of The Great British Baking Show (they're just so nice to each other). I'm also on a mission to watch all the episodes of Star Trek (I'm currently in the midst of Deep Space Nine)

Favorite Christmas Movie: A Christmas Story

Favorite Song: American Pie

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Strawberry (with actual fruit in it)

Favorite Vacation Spot: South Lake Tahoe

I've always wanted to visit: Japan (I'm a fan of all things samurai) or Shrewsbury, England (The site of the Brother Cadfael mysteries)

Favorite thing about being a religious priest: Our communal life is a great support, and our charism helps me to focus my ministry.

I receive the most joy from: Celebrating Reconciliation at events like NCYC or the Seek Conference.

Why be a religious today: There is only one reason to be a religious, it's because God is calling you to this life. If God is calling you "Just Do it!" it's your best path to holiness. If God is not calling you, you're setting yourself up for heartache.

Previous Ministries: Parochial Vicar at a parish, Mission preaching, and community leadership/administration.

About what are you passionate: Helping people encounter Jesus Christ.

How do you relax: Two things I love to do (1) Hang out in a coffee shop and read/people watch or (2) sit on the porch in the evening with music, a book, an adult beverage and a cigar.

List one BEST PRACTICE you'd like to share with your colleagues: Be yourself, be authentic. I remember being in a group once, and someone said that he thought the workshop was going to teach us how to be authentic. Our life lived well, is attractive.

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