

## **JUBILARIANS OF THE SUE PROVINCE 2022**

**Fr. Raul Acosta** made his first profession as a Salesian 65 years ago. A native of Uruguay, born in 1940, he professed in Montevideo on January 29, 1957. He studied theology in Santiago, Chile and was ordained in Montevideo on December 7, 1967. As a priest, he served in Salesian schools in Uruguay for 7 years and Argentina for 5 years and as a parish priest in Argentina for 14 years. He directed Salesian publishing in Argentina and was province secretary. He came to the U.S. in 2006 to assist with Spanish and Portuguese ministry in parishes in Port Chester, Chicago, Laredo, and Tampa. He has belonged to the Tampa community since 2014.

**Fr. Javier Aracil** made his first profession as a Salesian 70 years ago. He is a native of Alcoy, Spain, where he was born in 1934. He entered the Salesians in 1948 and made his first profession in Spain on August 16, 1952. He emigrated immediately as a missionary to the U.S. and studied at Don Bosco College in Newton, N.J. from 1952-1955. After practical training at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J., he studied theology in Turin and was ordained there on February 11, 1963. He exercised his priestly ministry in Salesian schools in New Rochelle, Goshen, Haverstraw, Boston, and East Boston and in Salesian parishes in New York City, Miami, Elizabeth, and Port Chester. He was province secretary and a provincial councilor for 6 years. Since suffering a stroke, he has been a member of the Marian Shrine community at Haverstraw, N.Y.

**Fr. George Atok** was ordained 40 years ago in Manila, the city where he was born in 1953. After having schooled with the Salesians, he made his first profession on April 26, 1973 in the Philippines, where he continued his studies up to ordination on December 8, 1982. He served as a priest in Salesian schools and parishes in the Philippines for 8 years before emigrating to the U.S. In the SUE Province, he has served at schools in Tampa, Boston, and Marrero and has been a parish priest in Elizabeth. He was part of the retreat team and delegate for the Cooperators at Haverstraw, and he is currently the director of the Salesian community in Surrey, B.C.

**Fr. Thomas “Tom” Brennan** made his first profession 50 years ago and was ordained 40 years ago. He was born in Bay Shore, N.Y., in 1953 and entered the Salesians as an aspirant at Goshen. After his profession on September 1, 1971, at Newton, N.J. and having studied philosophy at Don Bosco College in Newton from 1972-1976, he did practical training in Marrero and theology studies in Columbus, where he was ordained on May 22, 1982. He taught, served as a guidance counselor, and administered in Salesian schools in Boston, East Boston, and Miami. He also performed parish ministry in New York City, Paterson, Port Chester, and Elizabeth. He earned a doctorate in education from Harvard in 1992 and was a coordinator of substance abused programs for the Boston Archdiocese (1992-1995) and a campus minister at Harvard (1999-2003). He represented the Salesians at the U.N. from 2004 to 2017. As a community member within the Salesian Provincial Center, he is currently a guidance counselor at Salesian HS in New Rochelle and a research assistant to the vice provincial.

**Fr. Thomas “Tom” Dunne** was ordained 50 years ago at Columbus, March 25, 1972. The Brooklyn native, born in 1943, entered Don Bosco Juniorate in 1959 and made his first profession at Newton, N.J. on August 16, 1961. He did practical training in Cedar Lake and the novitiate, and, after ordination, taught at Ipswich and Boston. He also served as vice provincial and province delegate for youth ministry, and, for 15 years, director of youth ministry for the

archdiocese of Boston. After another stint on the provincial council with responsibility for the Salesian Family and communications, he served as provincial from 2009-2015, among other project that coordinated the reunion of the Canadian houses and confreres with the New Rochelle Province. He resumed responsibility for the Salesian Family in 2015 and currently resides at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J.

**Fr. Gregory Fishel** made his first profession 50 years ago, on September 1, 1982, at Newton, N.J. He was born in Providence, R.I. in 1951 and entered the Salesians in 1980. He studied theology in Columbus and was ordained in Boston on May 28, 1989. He has taught in Salesian schools in Tampa, Paterson, St. Petersburg, and Marrero and been a parish priest in Salesian parishes in Port Chester, Harvey, Birmingham, Elizabeth, Chicago, and Belle Glade. He also served at the Boys & Girls Club in East Boston. Since 2020, he has been in his third stint at St. John Bosco Church in Chicago.

**Br. William “Bill” Hanna** made his first profession 50 years ago. Born in Queens, N.Y., in 1952, he entered the Salesians as an aspirant at Haverstraw and made his first profession in Newton, N.J., on September 1, 1972. He holds an M.A. in physical education (PE), which he has taught at Salesian schools in Tampa, Ramsey, Marrero, Boston, St. Petersburg, Takoma Park, and New Rochelle, including some years as an athletic director. He has also served at Boys & Girls Clubs in East Boston and Columbus and has been the treasurer of several local communities. Since 2021, he has belonged to the New Rochelle community as treasurer and PE teacher.

**Fr. Joseph Hannon** has been professed for 60 years. He was born in East Chicago, Ind. in 1943 and entered the Salesians as an aspirant at Haverstraw in 1957. He made his first profession at Newton, N.J. on August 16, 1962, studied theology in Columbus, and was ordained in Columbus on March 24, 1973. He has taught at Salesian schools in Tampa, Paterson, Ramsey, and St. Petersburg. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army (1992-2010, with earlier reserve service) and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. Since 2017, he has been teaching at Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian HS at Mary Help of Christians Center.

**Fr. James “Jay” Horan** was ordained 40 years ago. He was born in Norristown, Pa. and entered the Salesians at Newton, N.J., in 1971. He made his first profession at Newton on September 1, 1973. He studied theology in Columbus and was ordained there on May 22, 1982. He has taught religion and served as campus minister at Salesian schools in Tampa, Paterson, Marrero, and Ramsey, served on the retreat team at Haverstraw, and has been on the staff of Boys & Girls Clubs in Columbus and East Boston. He is now the assistant coordinator of St. Philip the Apostle Residence for senior Salesians in Tampa.

**Fr. Tito Iannaccio** was ordained 50 years ago, August 6, 1972, in Rotello, Italy, after having completed his theological studies in Messina. He was born in Buenos Aires in 1944, roots that, when Francis was elected Pope in 2013 as our provincial chapter met, enabled him almost immediately to inform the chapter that our new Pope is a Salesian past pupil. Fr. Tito made his first profession on January 31, 1961, in Argentina. He filled various teaching and parish positions in Argentina and was vicar general of the diocese of Rio Gallego for 13 years as well. He served as a missionary in Mozambique for two years and immigrated to Montreal in 2008,

where he served as assistant pastor for 5 years. He is a member of the Salesian community at the Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre in Montreal.

**Fr. Adaikala Raja John** has been a priest for a quarter century. A native of Tamil Nadu State in India, he was born in 1968 and entered the Salesians in that country in 1984. He made his first profession on May 24, 1986, in India and studied theology there. He was ordained on December 29, 1997, at Palayamkottai, India. He holds a PhD in sociology, having written his thesis on rural Dalit youths. After years of pastoral ministry in his province on Chennai (formerly Madras), he came to Canada for parish ministry in Edmonton.

**Fr. Sathiaseelen Kulandaisamy** has been a priest for 25 years. He was born in Tamil Nadu State, India, in 1968, entered the Salesians in 1985, and made his first profession on May 24, 1987, in India. He was ordained at Madurai, India, on December 30, 1997 and filled various responsibilities, chiefly in schools, in his province of Chennai (Madras) before he arrived in Edmonton to serve as a parish priest.

**Fr. Luc Lantagne** has been a professed Salesian for 50 years. He comes from Sherbrooke, Que., where he was born in 1951. He entered the Salesians there in 1971 and made his first profession at Newton, N.J. on September 1, 1972. He studied theology in Turin and Columbus and was ordained on June 16, 1984, at Rock Forest, Que. With the exception of one year of practical training in Tampa, he has lived his Salesian life in Canada. These include a few years of having taught in Sherbrooke and many years as a parish priest in Edmonton and Montreal. He was provincial in Canada from 2000-2006. Since 2006, he has been director of the Canadian mission office in Montreal.

**Br. George Marquis** made his first profession 65 years ago. He was born in Petite Matane, Que. in 1937, entered the Salesians at Paterson in 1956, and made his first profession at Newton, N.J. on September 8, 1957. He earned a B.S. degree at Iona College (New Rochelle) and served as a maintenance man and cook in 3 Salesian houses in Canada (St. Louis de Kent, Boucherville, and Sherbrooke) and 7 houses in Paterson, Newton, Watsonville, Bellflower, New Rochelle, Ramsey, and Tampa. He went to Sierra Leone as a missionary for 6 years. Since 1996, he has been on the staff at Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa.

**Br. Robert Metell** is the only jubilarian presently serving in the Boston Archdiocese. He has been on the staff of Salesian Boys & Girls Club in East Boston since 2019 and also served there from 1995 to 2001. Bro. Metell has been professed for 40 years. He was born in Boston in 1955 but grew up on Cape Cod. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard before entering the Salesians in 1979. He made his first profession in Newton, N.J., on September 1, 1982. He earned an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College in 2009. He taught at the Salesian school in Tampa for four years, but most of his Salesian ministry has been in the Boys & Girls Clubs in East Boston and Columbus (15 years) and the Salesian parishes in Port Chester and Belle Glade (10 years) and at Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa (7 years).

**Fr. Franco Pinto** was ordained 25 years ago on December 20, 1997, in Goa, India. He was born in Goa in 1968 and entered the Salesians in India in 1984. He made his first profession on May 24, 1987, at Nahsik, India, and studied theology in Bangalore. He served in Salesian youth

settings in India in his home province of Bombay until he came to the U.S. in 2003. He was part of the New Rochelle Province's vocation team for 7 years and served on the retreat team at Haverstraw for another 7 years. He is now a member of the SUE Province and has been the director of Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa since 2017.

**Fr. John Serio** has been a priest for 40 years. The Queens, N.Y. native was born in 1953 and entered the Salesians at Newton, N.J., in 1971. He made his first profession at Newton on September 1, 1973, studied theology in Columbus, and was ordained in Columbus on May 22, 1982. In addition to having taught and served in administrative assignments in Salesian schools in Tampa, New Rochelle, East Boston, Ramsey, St. Petersburg, and Takoma Park, he was on the staff of Don Bosco College in Newton for 5 years and of Don Bosco Multimedia in New Rochelle for 2 years. He also served as the province's superintendent of schools for 5 years. He is currently director of the Salesian community in Maryland.

**Br. Thomas Sweeney** made his first profession 50 years ago. He was born in Elmhurst, N.Y., in 1949 and entered the Salesians at Newton, N.J., in 1970. He made his first profession on September 1, 1972, at Newton. Initially trained as a printer, he became a religion teacher, campus minister, and, most recently, spiritual director. He has served in Salesian schools in Boston, New Rochelle, Marrero, and Takoma Park and on the staff of Boys & Girls Clubs in East Boston and Columbus and the formation team at Orange. He is currently a teacher at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey.

**Fr. Wacław Swierzbiolek** was ordained 60 years ago. He was born in Poland in 1937 and joined the Salesians there as an aspirant in 1950. He made his first profession on September 15, 1953, and he studied theology in Poland and was ordained at Łódź/Warta, Poland, on June 3, 1962. He studied theology at the University of Lublin, having earned an STL in 1966, after which he was a professor of dogmatic theology. In 1975, he went to Bolivia as a missionary, then returned briefly to Poland. He came to the U.S. in 1982 and eventually became a member of the SUE Province to minister to Polish immigrants based in Haverstraw for 26 years and in Goshen for 14 years. He has been part of the Marian Shrine (Haverstraw) community since 2003.

**Fr. Eric Wyckoff** has been professed for 40 years. He was born in Teaneck, N.J., raised in Sparta, N.J. (near the Salesian center in Newton), and entered the Salesians as an aspirant at Goshen. He made his first profession at Newton on September 1, 1982. After having completed his theology studies in Columbus, he was ordained there on May 30, 1993. He taught in Salesian schools in East Boston, Miami, Marrero, and St. Petersburg and did parish ministry at Elizabeth and Belle Glade. He holds a doctorate in ministry from Barry University (Miami) and one in scripture from the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum (Jerusalem). With his specialty in biblical studies, he has taught at the Salesian theological schools in Tlaquepaque, Mexico, and Jerusalem—the latter since 2009.