

## Welcome Father Pat Rudolph

I was born in Camp Pendleton and was the 5th of 6 children of Phil and Pauline Rudolph. My mom was a Special Ed teacher, and my dad was a career Marine who retired as a Sgt. Major out of El Toro and later taught school.

Because my dad was a Marine, we moved several times while I was growing up. We lived in various places in California, Hawaii and North Carolina. As a result of all of the moving, I attended five different grade schools and two high schools. I graduated from University High School in Irvine in 1977 and Cal State Fullerton in 1981. Toward the end of my time in college, I felt the Lord knocking on my heart and calling me to be a priest and after a lot of prayer from myself and others, I entered St. John's Seminary in 1982.

I was ordained a priest on October 1, 1988. I have had several assignments as a parochial vicar and as a pastor. For the past two years I have been serving as the Vicar for Priests for the Diocese of Orange. I love being a priest and I have loved the opportunity to serve my brother priests in this capacity. However, I prayerfully came to the conclusion that my heart was leading me back to parish ministry. I feel truly blessed that Bishop Vann respected my wishes and even more blessed that I have been assigned to be pastor of St. Catherine of Siena and I am excited that the parish comes with a school. I am looking forward to serving you, loving you and journeying with you. Please pray for me and please know that I am praying that the love of Jesus will flow on you, in you and through you.

- Father Pat Rudolph

