

Rev. David A. Driesch, O.Praem.

(Norbertines, White Canons), "The Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré,"

David Driesch was born in Sewickley, Pa and was raised along the Ohio River in Baden, PA, about 20 miles west of Pittsburgh, PA. He is a graduate of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA and St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA.

Fr. Driesch was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1982. He served as an assistant pastor in three parishes and as a pastor in four parishes. During his thirty years as a diocesan priest, he was assigned to several Diocesan Catholic High schools. He started out as a part-time teacher and then became a full-time chaplain and teacher where he taught religion, psychology and computer science. He also served as the Catholic Chaplain / Campus Minister at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA.

In 2012, Fr. Driesch was released from the diocesan priesthood to join the Norbertine Fathers at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. After four years of formation, he professed Solemn Vows, became the Abbey I.T. and Facilities Manager. Later, he served as the Prior of the Abbey. He then returned to college ministry and worked at Cabrini University as the Chief Mission Officer, University Chaplain, and Adjunct Theology Instructor. At the end of 2022, he transferred to the Immaculate Conception Norbertine Priory in Middletown Delaware and became the Pastor of St. Paul Parish in Delaware City, DE, located in the Wilmington Diocese.

In addition to his assignments, Fr. Driesch has served on several councils in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, wrote and copyrighted computer programs for the diocese and in 1992, attended the Allegheny County Fire Academy. He continues to be an active volunteer firefighter both in Pennsylvania and Delaware. His parents have since passed away. He has a sister living in Carlisle, PA and two brothers living in the Pittsburgh area.