



Department of Communication

Archdiocese of San Antonio

Bishop Patrick James Zurek, STL

Born: August 17, 1948 Age: 59 Sealy

Parents: Arnold (Deceased) and Victoria (Bohac) Zurek
Siblings: Brothers: Lawrence Zurek & (Dennis Zurek (Deceased))

Ordained Priest by Pope Paul VI June 29, 1975 Age: 26 St. Peter's Basilica, Rome Italy

Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio by February 16, 1998 Age: 49 San Antonio
**Archbishop Patrick F. Flores/
Titular Bishop of Tamugadi**

Academics

Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics-Magnum Cum Laude University of St. Thomas – Houston
Major Seminary St. Mary's Seminary – Houston
S.T.B. in Theology 1974- University of St. Thomas-Angelicum
Magna Cum Laude
S.T.L. in Moral Theology, 1976- Alfonsianum-Institute of the Lateran University
Magna Cum Laude

Priestly Assignments

St. Mary's Catholic Church	Associate Pastor	1976	1979	Temple
St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Associate Pastor	1979	1982	Bryan
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church	Founding Pastor	1982	1992	College Station
St. John Neumann Catholic Church	Pastor	1992	1998	Austin
Archdiocese of San Antonio	Auxiliary Bishop	1998	Present	San Antonio

Priestly Ministries and Positions Held

Presbyteral Council	Member	1976	1998	Diocese of Austin
Matrimonial Tribunal	Advocate	1976	1979	Diocese of Austin
Matrimonial Tribunal	Judge	1976	1982	Diocese of Austin
Continuing Formation of Priests	Director	1986	1998	Diocese of Austin
Office of Vocations	Director	1986	1998	Diocese of Austin
Board of Directors-St. Mary's Seminary	Member	1987	1998	Houston
Medical Ethics Committee-St. Joseph Hospital	Chairman	1987	1988	Bryan
Board of Directors-National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy	Member	1988	1989	Diocese of Austin
Priest Personnel Committee	Member	1991	1998	Diocese of Austin
National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors	Vice-President	1991	1993	Diocese of Austin
National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors	President	1993	1995	Diocese of Austin

Ministry as Bishop

Presbyteral Council	Member	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Board of Directors-Assumption Seminary	Member	1999	Present	San Antonio
Western Vicariate	Vicar	1998	2001	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Office of the Synod	Archbishop's Liaison	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Office of the Synod-Implementation of the Archdiocesan Synodal Documents	Coordinator	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Partnership with the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa (Herminidad Texas-Honduras)	Archbishop's Liaison	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Diocesan Consultor		1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Priest Pension Board	Member	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Board of Directors Catholic Television of San Antonio	Member	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Board of Directors-ACTS Missions	Member	1998	Present	Archdiocese of San Antonio
Board of Directors-Holy Trinity Seminary	Member	1999	Present	Dallas
Oblate School of Theology	Guest Professor	1999	Present	San Antonio
Mayor's Committee on Integrity and trust in Local Government, City of San Antonio	Member	2002	2003	San Antonio

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

National Advisory Council	USCCB Liaison	1999	2002	
USCCB Committee on Evangelization	Member	1999	2003	
USCCB Planning Committee to develop New Spanish Bible for USCCB, CCC, CELAM	Member	2003	Present	

National and International Positions

Board of Governors, Sub Committee for Finance North American College	Member	2002	2005	Rome, Italy
Czech American Priests Association (CAPA)	President & CEO	2002	Present	Founded in Temple, TX

Member –Border Bishops Committee (Texas/Mexico) organized to discuss Pastoral Initiatives and Immigration issues. This committee was the genesis of the pastoral letter “Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope” issued by the USCCB and CEM (Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano) in January 2003.

Speaks the following languages: English, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Czech.