



Rev. Bernard John D'Sa, SFX
Parish Administrator

Greetings!

I am Fr. Bernard John D'sa. I was born and raised in the smallest state "Goa"- India. My state was the Portuguese colony until 1961. The Portuguese brought Christianity to Goa in the 16th century, so I am not a first generation catholic. Though the population of India is 1.3 billion and Christianity is just 2.8 percent.

My family lives in India, i.e. my mother and my other two older siblings. My dad passed away in 1998. I was ordained a priest on 1st May 1994. After completing my masters program in Education and Political Science, I was appointed as a high school teacher for a brief period. Then, I was given an assignment of a Principal. My apostolate has

been basically been in school, for fifteen years at least. Later, I was invited in the USA to serve as a teacher in a Diocesan catholic school , which I did for a short period and then requested the Bishop to give me an opportunity to have some pastoral experience which I missed a lot for being in schools.

I was then appointed as an Administrator of Queen of Peace Church, Clearlake in Lake County. During these three years, the priesthood came alive to me as I unfolded myself pastorally. The Lord assisted me to touch the lives of the people with His love and compassion.

Now I am here amidst you, called to serve and feel blessed. Trusting in the Divine Providence and in His Graces, I wish to undertake my apostolate as your shepherd. I request for your prayers and be assured of my humble prayers always.

God bless you,
Fr. Bernard