

Father Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R.

Father Philip Dabney is a Redemptorist priest whose hometown is Annapolis, MD. He is the sixth of nine children born into a Navy family. His mother was a Wave before she married and his father served as a submarine commander in World War II.

In 1965, at the age of 14, Father Dabney began his journey with the Redemptorists by entering their minor seminary in North East, PA. He took his first vows in 1970, his final vows in 1975 and was ordained in 1978. In 1980 he returned to the minor seminary where he started, to teach music, speech, oral interpretation, and English literature. In 1987, when the minor seminary closed, he went to Washington, D.C., where he began his first term as vocation director for his province. In 1992, he went to St. Louis University where he studied spirituality, in order himself to prepare himself for assuming the responsibility of novice director in Esopus, NY. A year later, two months prior to beginning his job as novice director there was change of plans. Instead he went back to Washington D.C. to be the rector of the house of Theology. Six years later, in 1999, he returned to vocation work again for nine years, living in Whitestone, NY, the Redemptorist house of philosophy. Since 2008, he has been serving as associate pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Boston, MA. In 2019, he was sent to Washington DC and is presently a part of the Evangelization Team which gives parish missions throughout the United States.

He enjoys the theatre, loves to sing, fishes occasionally, plays tennis, and loves people. As he once wrote: *“I began my priesthood by offering my life to Christ and he has filled my life with his people.”*