

Assigned as Pastor of St. Aloysius in July 2015, Fr. Randy Cuevas, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, with family roots in Slidell and on the Mississippi gulf coast, grew up in Baton Rouge attending St. Aloysius Church and School, graduated from St. Joseph Cathedral Prep High School in 1974, University of St. Thomas in Houston with a B.A. in Political Science in 1978, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy, with an S.T.B. degree in Theology in 1981, and from Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo in Rome, Italy, with an S.T.L. degree in Dogmatic-Sacramental Theology in 1983. He was ordained a transitional deacon in April 1982 in Rome by William Cardinal Baum, and was ordained a priest on June 26, 1982, at St. Joseph Cathedral. He ministered at parishes and Catholic schools from 1983 - 2015 in Baton Rouge, New Roads, Albany, Springfield, Donaldsonville, and Hammond. Concurrent with his pastorate in Donaldsonville, he served as Superintendent of the Ascension Catholic Pre-K through 12th grade Interparochial Schools System for 12 years. He retired from the U. S. Air Force Reserve Chaplaincy in 2009 with the rank of Colonel after 30 years of service. He is a decorated veteran and was embedded in combat zones for two deployments with the U.S. Army and Marines in Afghanistan between 2004 and 2006. He has been actively involved in the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Knights of Columbus for the past 40 years. A former National Chaplain of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), he is currently the NCCS annual national convention planner and committee member of Troop 7 chartered at St. Aloysius. Immediately prior to his current pastorate at St. Aloysius, he served 11 years as Chaplain/Campus Minister at St. Albert the Great Chapel & Catholic Student Center at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA. He was selected as distinguished Diocesan School Pastor of Year for 2021-2022, and within the same year was awarded the distinction of the National Catholic Education Association's 'Lead, Learn, and Proclaim Award'. His office is in our Pastoral Services Center building. He may be contacted by calling 225-343-6657 or e-mailing him at rcuevas@staloyusparish.com.