

## Fr. Peter J. Clark biographical information

Fr. Peter Clark was born and raised in a Catholic family in Rochester, NY. As the youngest of five children he received his sacraments of initiation at St. Monica church on Genesee St. He attended # 37 School and West High School where he participated in football and basketball, played clarinet in the band and was active in school government. After four years of study at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, he did some post-graduate courses at the University of Rochester and then traveled to Belgium to study Medicine. As a student he supported himself singing and playing the banjo as a street musician or "busker." After graduation from the Free University of Brussels with an M.D. degree he moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan to so specialty training in Internal Medicine at Detroit and Ann Arbor Hospitals. The next phase of his life saw him practicing Internal and Geriatric Medicine in a private practice in Milan, MI during which he was on staff at two local hospitals and a part-time faculty member at the University of Michigan.

In 1994 Dr. Clark sold his medical practice and began a period of discernment as to the next phase of his life during which he was a dealer in antique postcards and photographs. In 1997 Dr. Clark began formation as a priest under the Bishop of the diocese of Lansing Michigan. After five years of study at Mundelein Seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Carl Mengeling in Lansing on June 8, 2002.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fenton, MI where he served until his assignment as pastor to St. Mary Church in Williamston, MI. He has served on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and as a curator for the Marriage Tribunal. As an adjunct faculty member at Siena Heights University, Fr. Clark enjoys teaching courses in the Ecclesial Lay Ministry Program of the Diocese of Lansing. He continues to pursue a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at Mundelein Seminary. Fr. Clark remains active as a musician and postcard collector.