



Vocations Ministry interview with Fr. Feltz

1. **When is your birthday?** June 25, 1946
2. **Where did you grow up?** Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3. **What did your parents do while you were growing up?** My mother stayed at home with the children until the youngest was in 8th grade. She then worked at our school library and as a secretary at our parish. My father worked at a Tannery. I worked with him there through high school and college.
4. **How many siblings do you have? Birth order?** I am one of four, three of us are still alive. There was my older brother, myself, and my two younger brothers. There were also twin girls who were preemies.
5. **What was your favorite book as a child?** I used to enjoy reading Graham Greene stories. They were theological books that dealt with everyday people's affairs.
6. **Who taught you your faith?** My parents and grandparents. I also attended Catholic elementary, high school, and college. And the seminary of course!
7. **In what church ministries (youth ministry, altar serving) were you involved?**
I was an altar server in 8th grade
8. **Who are your favorite saints?** St. Christopher and St. Anthony. I like St. Christopher for safety while traveling because I travel often and St. Anthony in the area of missionaries.
9. **At what age did you start discerning the priesthood?** I started discerning on and off during my sophomore year of college.
10. **What attracted you to the priesthood?** I always was attracted to some form of counseling to help people, but I was mostly inspired by a girl from college. This girl was always negative and didn't seem happy. One day, she decided to go to confession and upon returning, she was visibly changed. The sacraments inspired her so they also inspired me.
11. **When is your ordination anniversary?** 11/24/1973 Bishop Marshal flew out to Wisconsin to ordain me and my colleagues due to the cathedral being burnt down. This enabled my friends and family to be able to celebrate with me.

12. **When is your anniversary with our parish?** 6/25/2002
13. **What other parishes have you been assigned to?** When I was first ordained, the rule was that you had to be part of 3 different parishes; rural, suburbs, and urban. You had to work 10 years in those three areas as well. I started out as an extended Deacon in Barre Vermont and then stayed there after my ordination. After that, I went to Christ the King in Rutland, and then to the Cathedral in Milwaukee for a year because my mother got sick. After that, I came back to Vermont and stayed at St. Marks for about 9 years, and then to St. Peters. I then was assigned my own parish in Orwell and Leicester Junction.
14. **What is your favorite church hymn?** I like many church hymns but two of the ones I like the best are “On Eagles Wings” and “How Great Thou Art”.
15. **What is your favorite hobby?** I worked on a golf course when I was younger as a caddy and then as part of the grounds crew. I tried golf but decided that it wasn’t for me. At the moment I enjoy traveling and watching a good Korean murder mystery on Amazon Prime.
16. **What is your favorite sport and/or a professional sports team?** I enjoy watching football; the Greenbay Packers to be precise. I used to watch the Milwaukee Braves until they went down to Atlanta.
17. **What do you enjoy most about being a priest?** Helping people see that God is helping them through the Sacraments.
18. **What type of music do you like to listen to?** I like rock and roll, modern and classic Western, and Opera.
19. **What part of the country do you enjoy most when vacationing?**
I like Vermont - it’s safe.
20. **What is your favorite food?** Lobster.
21. **What is a fun fact that people might not know about you?** I can have fun.
22. **When did you decide to become part of the military? What is your current rank?**
In Hardwick, the Civil Air Patrol asked me to come on as Chaplain. I worked with young people on ethics. I was with them for 12 years. Then, Fr. Biladeau and Fr. McShane asked me to come on board with the Army. I was deployed twice in warzones. My rank is Colonel.