



Father Jerome Mascarenhas OCD.

Fr. Jerome Mascarenhas, OCD was born on Feb 13th 1972 to Rosario and Carmen Mascarenhas. He is the youngest of 10 children and two of his sisters have dedicated themselves to the service of the Lord as Religious. He comes from a little town of Venur, Karnataka, south India. Fr. Jerome joined the Discalced Carmelite Order after the 10th grade. Following four years of seminary training, he made his religious profession in 1994. He graduated with B.A in Philosophy from the University of Mysore and also secured a Gold Medal in Philosophy. He pursued his theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Mangalore where he obtained a degree in theology. He was ordained a priest on December 29th 2001. Two years after his ordination, he obtained a Masters in Sociology from the University of Dharwad, Karnataka.

After ordination and a year of service at the minor seminary in Goa, he was sent to Jagalur, a remote place in northern part of Karnataka, with a view to spreading our presence into different dioceses. As a young priest, he served in various capacities a missionary in India. After serving for six years as pioneer among non Christians the Discalced Carmelites selected him to be sent to Canada. Fr. Jerome arrived directly from missions to Canada on Feb. 17th 2009. He was assigned as associated pastor to St. Edmund's Church, North Vancouver B.C, until 2012. On June 2012, Fr. Jerome was appointed as pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church Kitchener, ON the Diocese of Hamilton. He served as pastor for seven years. On July 2019, Fr. Jerome was appointed as pastor of St. Patrick's Of Caledonia, ON the Diocese of St. Catharines where he is serving until today. Fr. Jerome has preached at retreats to different groups of people, school children and won the hearts of people.