

William Edward Nadeau
“Fr. Bill”

Fr. Bill Nadeau was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Oct 24, 1938. He was the youngest of 3 children. He attended Parochial elementary and high schools before attending the University of Minnesota where he got a Business Administration degree. After graduation he responded to “an inner urging of my heart” and a desire to serve the Lord. He entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Seminary where he received a Master’s Degree in Philosophy and later a degree in Theology from the Oblates School of Theology in Texas. He also earned a Master’s Degree in Criminology from the University of Huntsville, Texas, which served him well later in his priestly ministry. He was ordained on September 7, 1968.

His first assignment as a newly ordained priest was to return to the Seminary as a teacher for a three year period and during that time he became the Dean of Students. His next assignment was to the Oblate’s mission in Stockholm Sweden which was attended by the diplomats and military attaches from the Embassy. It was the largest English speaking church in Sweden.

He then began a prolonged ministry in State and Federal prison systems. He spent 5 years in the State of Texas system before being assigned to the Federal prison system in 1974 where he served for 20 years. He retired from the Federal system in 1994. From 1994 until 1999 he served in Oblate ministries in San Diego, CA, and Tijuana, Mexico.

In 1999 the Oblates loaned him to the Diocese of Reno and he was assigned to St. Gall’s Parish in Gardnerville. He served as Pastor at St. Gall’s for 6 years before being assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Incline Village, Nevada. In both parishes, Fr. Bill was involved with major, multi-million dollar renovation projects.

Fr. Bill has been a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus. Because of his initiative, Knight’s Councils were established at both St. Gall’s and St. Francis of Assisi. He serves the Knights as Faithful Friar for the 4th Degree Assembly at St. Gall’s and as Chaplain for the Knight’s Queen of Peace Council at St. Francis.

Fr. Bill has been permanently assigned to the Diocese of Reno and we are blessed to have him.

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