

BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP LEONARD P. BLAIR

Bishop Leonard Paul Blair was born in Detroit on April 12, 1949. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Blair of St. Paul of Tarsus Parish, Clinton Township. Bishop Blair grew up in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Detroit, and has one sister, who lives in Waterford.

Bishop Blair was ordained to the priesthood in June of 1976 following studies at Sacred Heart Seminary College, Detroit; the North American College, Rome; and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Bishop Blair holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History from Sacred Heart Seminary College; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from the Pontifical Gregorian University; a Licentiate in Theology (S.T.L.) with a specialization in Patristics and the History of Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University; and a Doctorate in Theology (S.T.D.) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome.

Bishop Blair has served as Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Grosse Pointe Farms, since July of 1997. Prior to that, he served for three years as Secretary to Cardinal Edmund Szoka and as a staff member of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, Vatican City State.

Bishop Blair's previous assignments include: Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese of Detroit; Dean of Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology, Sacred Heart Major Seminary College; service in the Papal Secretariat of State Office, Vatican City; Administrative Secretary to the Archbishop of Detroit; Vicar General and Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit; Consultor, Archdiocese of Detroit; Instructor in Church History and Patristics, St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth; and Archivist for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bishop Blair also served as Pastoral Administrator at St. Christine Parish, Detroit; Associate Pastor at St. Paul Parish, Grosse Pointe Farms; Associate Pastor at St. Christopher Parish, Detroit; Associate Pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Harper Woods; and as a Deacon at St. Martin de Porres Parish, Warren.