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Father Julito Rapada Orpilla

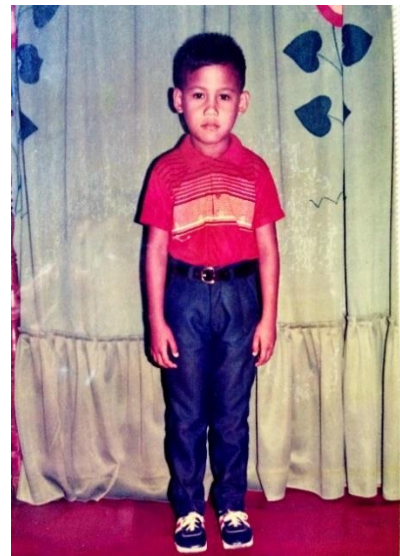
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Father Julito Rapada Orpilla was born in the Philippines on January 31, 1980. He grew up in a religious family in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur Philippines, one of the oldest cities colonized by the Spaniards.

He has two brothers, Michael and Rechie, and three half-sisters Cory, Jannette and Desiree. He was raised by his maternal grandmother Filomena Rapada and two aunts Leocadia and Angela Rapada with the support of his uncles since his mother Pelagia “Juliana” Rapada died when he was a year old and his father Loreto “Lito” Orpilla died when he was twelve.

Julito’s name is a combination of his parents’ nicknames “Juliana” and “Lito”, which is “Julito.”



Julito at age 4

Beginning his Studies for the Priesthood

He began his studies for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary in Vigan City and continued his college formation at San Pablo Major Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines for two years. With the recommendation of his granduncle Pablo Raquel in Sacramento, he joined the diocese of Sacramento in June 1999.

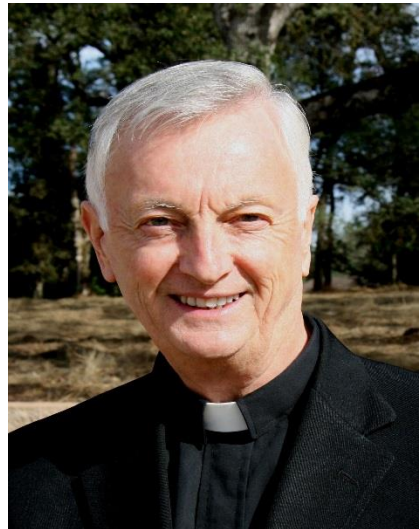
Studies at Mount Angel and Saint Patrick Seminaries



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Mount Angel Seminary, Saint Benedict, Oregon

Father Julito attended Mount Angel Seminary in Saint Benedict, Oregon where he received his bachelor's degree in philosophy. He transferred to Saint Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park for his theological education, completing his degree in Sacred Theology, a master of divinity and theology degree. He did his pastoral year program at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sutter Creek with Father Liam McCarthy as his supervisor and mentor.



Father Liam macCarthy

Ordained a Priest for Sacramento



Father Julito was ordained a priest on June 18, 2006 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento by Bishop William Weigand.

Because of Visa Conflict, a Return to the Philippines

Father Julito was first assigned to Saint Basil Parish in Vallejo from August 2006 to January 2007. In mid-January of 2007, he was advised to return to the Philippines in order to correct an irregularity in his immigration status.

Upon his return home to the Philippines, Father Julito enrolled at the Center for Family Ministries in Ateneo de Manila University for one semester while serving as a guest priest to the Shrine of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus in Antipolo City until May 2008.

Return to Sacramento in 2008

In June 2008, after his immigration status in the United States was rectified, Father Julito returned to Sacramento and was assigned for a month and a half to Saint John Vianney Parish in Rancho Cordova. In August 2008 he was assigned as parochial vicar to Holy Spirit Parish in Fairfield until July 2011.

Father Julito Ordained by Bishop Weigand

Assignments to Grass Valley and Yreka

His next assignment was to Saint Patrick Parish in Grass Valley. He lived at Saint Canice rectory in Nevada City until June 2013 when he was transferred to Saint Joseph Parish in Yreka as parochial administrator of Saint Joseph Parish, Yreka as well as Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones.

After two years as parish administrator, Bishop Jaime Soto appointed him pastor of Yreka and Fort Jones where he served as pastor from 2015 to 2016

Father Julito says his priestly ministry at the rural parishes has been a humbling experience and gives him a sense of mission. It was a challenging ministry with all the hours of driving from one church to another but seeing the active faith of the people inspired and motivated him to serve. The support of parishioners was tremendous and they were very grateful and appreciative of his presence.

Appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Elk Grove

On July 1, 2016, Father Julito R. Orpilla was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Elk Grove and its Mission Church of Saint Vincent de Paul in Rancho Murieta. We wish him every blessing as he begins this new assignment as pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Elk Grove.



Photo by John E Boll 2010

Saint Joseph Church, Elk Grove



Rite of Investiture, Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary, Vigan City, Philippines



Father Julito's Family on his Ordination Day

L-r, Great Aunt Alejandrina Raquel, Aunt Leocadia Rapada, Aunt Angela Rapada, Grand Uncle Pablo Raquel