

# Fr. Charles Puthota's Biography



Father Charles Puthota, Pd.D. (In Telugu language means: "flower garden.") was ordained to the priesthood on August 19, 1989 (31 years as priest.) Father was born on June 11, 1956. He was raised by his family in the Catholic faith. His four siblings live on the East coast.

Father was a Jesuit for 29 years (1973-2002). He has a B.S. in Chemistry, a Master's in English, and a Ph.D. from Marquette in American Literature. He joined the San Francisco Archdiocese in 2002 and was incardinated in 2008. He served for 12 years as pastor of St. Veronica Church in South San Francisco and served for three years as Director of Pastoral Ministry for the Archdiocese of San Francisco (2016-2019) and has worked in the Chancery. Father has served as Cabinet Member for the Archbishop for three years and is still serving as a member of the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors.

Father also writes Scripture reflections for the Archdiocesan newspaper, "Catholic San Francisco." In 2011 and again in 2019, he won first place prize for Regular Scripture Column given by the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada.

Father is a happy person, a happy priest. He says, "I love the Church, its traditions and rituals, the people of God, the scriptures, theology, spirituality, French movies, and writing. I have given retreats. Though I cannot speak Spanish fluently, I can celebrate Mass in Spanish, if necessary. My latest hobby is learning Spanish!"