



Deacon Matt DeFusco

Mr. Matthew J. DeFusco, age 33, is the son of Andrew J. and Caroline DeFusco. He has two sisters, Kathleen Schuler and Mary Cobb, as well as two brothers, Andrew T. and Joseph. Matthew was born in New Jersey, but spent time in West Virginia and North Carolina, too, before his family settled in Timonium in 1998. Immaculate Conception in Towson was the family's spiritual home. In 2006, Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts in Politics from the University of Dallas. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served as an officer for 3 years. Subsequently, Matthew returned to Baltimore and earned a Master of Arts in Legal & Ethical Studies from the University of Baltimore.

Upon completing his master's degree, Matthew began seminary studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD in 2013. After finishing philosophy coursework, he began theology studies at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Roland Park, where he is currently enrolled for his final year of schooling.

Former pastoral assignments include: St. Louis in Clarksville, St. Mary in Hagerstown, Resurrection of Our Lord in Laurel, St. Peter Claver in Baltimore City, St. John the Evangelist in Frederick, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City, and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore City. Matthew has enjoyed getting to know families across the archdiocese through prayer, worship, and by simply visiting families in the comfort of their homes.

As Matthew approaches priesthood ordination, he is confident that God is with him and will continue to sustain him through seminary formation. He looks forward to serving the faithful of the Archdiocese of Baltimore as a spiritual father.